



## Legion Fetes Camp Lehman

Last Monday evening, the Grayling Post 106, American Legion fete the inmates of Camp Lehman, Hartwick Pines to a Christmas party in appreciation of the fine work inmates did on their free week ends last summer on the Legion Community Bowling Alley Building. Leslie Hunter was chairman of the affair.

A large number of local Legionaires attended the affair which started off with a dinner at which the camp inmates were hosts to those on the Christmas program and to Corrections Department officials from Lansing and Jackson. The dinner was followed by the program.

The Junior Class of the Grayling High School presented a Christmas play which was directed by Miss Wanda Yoder. The class was accompanied by their class advisor, Mr. Earl Gierke. Miss Joan Andrews played several Christmas selections on the piano and Rev. Fr. John Breitenstein spoke to the gathering. A J. "Tony" Nelson acted as Santa Claus passing out sacks of treats to the inmates from the local Legion Post. The sacks contained candy, nuts and cigarettes.

Movies and news photos were taken of the party. The Corrections Department is extremely happy about the fine relations between Camp Lehman and Grayling.

## BERTHA L. MILLIKIN SUCCUMBS, DEC. 15th

Bertha L. Millikin of Beaver Creek succumbed at Mercy Hospital Tuesday, December 15th following an eight week illness.

Mrs. Millikin was born in Beaver Creek Township on April 24, 1894, to Frank and Ida Love. She attended Love School in Beaver Creek and Grayling High School. She lived in Grayling and Beaver Creek all of her life, even after her marriage to Frank L. Millikin in Fife Lake on December 11, 1915. She was a member of the Grayling Rebekah Lodge. A very devoted wife and mother she was loved by all who knew her.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Donna Mae Falkman of Beaver Creek and Bonnie Belle Millikin of Lansing; three sons, Frank William of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Leroy of Beaver Creek and Floyd George of Quincy, Mich.; fifteen grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel O. Robbins of Roscommon, Mrs. Pearl Nolan of Grayling and Mrs. Edith Ferguson of Beaver Creek. A daughter, Ida June, passed away in 1929.

Services were held at Michelson Memorial Church on Saturday afternoon, December 19th, at two o'clock. Rev. R. C. Puffer officiated. Music was furnished by Mrs. June Taylor. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. Jack Papendick, Hurl Deckrow, John McMillan, Rolf Felling and William Simpson of Grayling and William Miller of Lovells acted as pallbearers.

Here to attend the final rites were Frank Wm. Millikin, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bonnie B. Millikin of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Millikin of Quincy, Mr. and Mrs. James Bassett of Mt. Morris, Mrs. Nettie Van Sickle of Fife Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Millikin and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell of Kalkaska, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Felling and Mrs. Harold Skilling, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Widger, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Burdett and Pauline Phillip Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Campbell and Helen Irwin of Pontiac, Clark Auslander, Clara Auslander, Floyd Kennedy, Mrs. Cecil Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Max Agar of Cass City, Mrs. Laura B. Walker of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Widger of Clifford, Robert Kilbourn, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ferguson of Ferndale, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Couchey of Midland, Jack Millikin of Ft. Huron and John Annin of Detroit.

## JUST US CLUB

The Just Us Club celebrated their 20th Anniversary on Saturday evening, December 19, at the home of Mrs. Lois LaGrow. This was also the annual Christmas party at which time gifts were exchanged and Secret Pals were identified. Mrs. LaGrow had a beautiful cake with Happy Anniversary written on the top complete with 20 candles. We blew out the candles and sang "Happy Anniversary to Us". Helen Millikin Warner a former class mate of the girls was a guest of the evening.

The club was started in the fall (Continued on Page 6)

## AVALANCHE OFFICE TO CLOSE

The office of the Crawford County Avalanche will close at 5 P. M. Thursday, December 24 and will not reopen until Monday morning, January 4, at 9 A. M. This is to provide a short but much needed vacation for the staff.

You will receive your December 31 issue of the Avalanche at the usual time, however.

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## Grayling Post 106, American Legion Seeks Second Thirty Year Charter

The Grayling Post 106, American Legion will be sending in for their second thirty year charter before January 20, 1934.

The local post was chartered on January 20, 1904 and the charter will not expire until January 20, 1934, but it is necessary to announce intention whether renewal will be sought or not one year in advance, according to Robert E. Neale who is handling the charter renewal for the Grayling Post.

## Tree Presents Top Christmas Fire Hazard

The festive act of "bringing in the Christmas tree" is also a potentially dangerous one.

That tree is highly combustible. Filled with pitch and resin, it will ignite very easily and burn so furiously that it is almost impossible to extinguish. Bringing it into the home brings in a definite and serious fire hazard.

To minimize the danger, the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests some simple but effective safety precautions:

1. Choose a small tree. It's just as pretty and is less of a hazard than a large one.
2. Keep it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.
3. When you set it up, stand it in water... or use a live tree in a pot of earth.
4. Place the tree in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters or fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit. If it must go near a radiator, turn that radiator off.
5. Never use cotton or paper as decorations on or under the tree unless they are flameproof.
6. Never smoke of lay a cigarette, pipe or cigar down near the tree.
7. Don't set up electric trains under the tree.
8. Never trim it with candles; use only electric lighting sets. Be sure every wire and socket is in good condition. When buying new sets, look for the UL label which means they have passed Underwriters Laboratories tests for fire and shock safety.
9. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights off and on. Never leave them burning when no one is home.
10. Inspect the tree from time to time to see if needles near any of the lights have started to turn brown. If so, move the lights.
11. Don't let gift wrappings pile up near or under the tree, or anywhere in the house. Throw them away as soon as the presents have been opened.
12. When needles start to fall, take your tree down and discard it outdoors.

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## Mercy Hospital News

Patients at Mercy Hospital include Mildred Burgess, Pauline Edwards, Sadie Harris, George Petrucha, Herbert Schilbe, Keith Sorenson, Bernard Riley, Myrtle Strong and baby Daniel Wakeley of Grayling, Eva Kimball, James Wilson and Maude Short of Fredrick, Robert Morris of Kalkaska, Ted Turppa of Lewiston, Charles Warner of Erie, Laura Brower and Helen Jurek of Gaylord and Clyde Brooks and William Schrott of Mio.

Among those dismissed from the hospital during the past week are Anita Crawford, Marjorie Roper, Mary Pettengill, Geneva Soper, Lucille Hively, Larry LeMieux and Beatrice Lennert of Grayling, Thomas Morris of Lovells and David Smith of Luzerne.

A daughter, Jacquelyn Jane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McEvers on December 17th. She weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEvers of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Nickless of Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Tobin of Frederic are happy over the arrival of a son on December 18th. They have named him James Edward.

The original charter was signed by Alfred Hanson as Post Commander, Victor Peterson, Vice Commander, Roy O. Milnes, Adjutant, Wilfred Laurant, Finance Officer, Emil O. Giegling, Chaplain, and Neal Mathews, Sergeant at Arms. The signatures were notarized by T. P. Peterson.

Present officers of the post are: Lyle Bilisby, Commander; Harold Long, Vice Commander; George Quinn, Adjutant; Leslie Hunter, Finance Officer; Frank Smiggen, Chaplain, and Leo Jorgenson, Sergeant at Arms.

Grayling Post officials report that the membership of the American Legion in the local post is 123 active, paid-up members. In 1924, just prior to the issuance of the first thirty year charter, the post had 21 members. At the present time only 13 of the original charter members are alive and active in the Legion.

## MRS. MARY BIDVIA LAID TO REST

Mrs. Herman (Mary) Bidvia was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery Wednesday, December 23rd, following services held at the Sorenson Funeral Home at 1:00 P. M. The Rev. Paul Beck officiated and special music was presented by Mrs. June Taylor. Serving as pallbearers were Harry Hecht, A. C. Roberts, Dick Thompson, Leland Smock, John Papendick and Wesley LaGrow.

Mrs. Bidvia was born in Finland on September 26, 1882. She grew up there and on her birthday in 1904 became the bride of Herman Bidvia. They came from Finland to Lewiston, Michigan in 1906 and moved to Grayling in 1911 where they have since made their home.

Mrs. Bidvia was a devoted wife and mother and in addition to caring for her seven children she and Mr. Bidvia operated a boarding house here for 40 years. It's an understatement to say that Mrs. Bidvia was a hard worker. She toiled from morning till night seven days a week. As a couple they were more or less the hub around which the Finnish colony in Grayling revolved.

Mrs. Bidvia succumbed to diabetic gangrene at Mercy Hospital on Sunday, December 20th. She had been ill for three weeks. Surviving besides her husband are her seven children, Mrs. Alfred Keppen (Sylvia), Mrs. Cecil Speight (Martha) and Miss Edith Bidvia of Detroit; Mrs. Richard Peterson (Alma) of Jackson, Mrs. Fred C. Welsh (Anne) and Mathew of Grayling and Everett of Muskegon Heights; five grand-children two great grand-children; one sister who resides in Finland.

## Plan Series Of Special Meetings

Special meetings dealing with Bible prophecies and our times will be held in the old American Legion Hall every night, Sunday, December 27 through Sunday, January 3 by Elder L. W. Hyde, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. His talks will be illustrated with colored slides and charts.

The subjects to be presented are, consecutively, as follows: Sunday—"The man God pointed out 4,000 years ago." Monday—"The greatest coming event according to Bible prophecy."

Tuesday—"What is Heaven to be like?"

Wednesday—"Days a year long."

Thursday—"God's fingerprints."

Friday—"The time God stopped to rest."

Saturday—"The secret of health, wealth and happiness."

Sunday—"Why I am a Seventh Day Adventist."

A 700 page book answering over 4,000 Bible questions will be given every adult, for storybook to every child attending all eight meetings, announced Elder Hyde. "If you wish to become better acquainted with your Bible, learn more about what it means to be a Christian, gain a deeper Christian experience, satisfy your curiosity as to why Seventh Day Adventists believe as they do, or just sing, you are invited."

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. C. E. Merritt on Sunday, December 20th. Mrs. Merritt was the wife of Dr. Merritt, district health department director of this area. She was on the staff of nurses working in Wexford Co. The deceased was injured in a fall on December 14th and hospitalized the following day. She developed pneumonia which resulted in her death. Rites were read Tuesday in Manton. Attending from here were Mrs. Maurice Gorman and Mrs. Joyce Reid.

## Griffith-West Vows Spoken

Miss Jacqueline D. Griffith became the bride of Lawrence West of Roscommon on Saturday, December 12th. The single ring ceremony was read in the Roscommon Congregational Church at 7:30 in the evening. Traditional music was presented by Mrs. Willard Williams, organist.

Jackie wore a winter white dress and matching accessories and a corsage of red roses. Her attendant was Miss Barbara Yost of Roscommon, who was attired in a yellow suit and brown accessories. She wore white roses. Edward West, Jr., was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Oddfellows Hall in Roscommon.

The newlyweds are at home in Roscommon.

Previous to her marriage, Jackie was fete at a miscellaneous bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Carl Hanson on December 8th. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Sam Gust and Miss Maxine Kolka. Contests were enjoyed and prizes won by Miss Jacky Sue Hunter. Refreshments were served at a table decorated with baskets of Christmas greens. There were twenty ladies present. Jacky received many lovely and useful gifts.

## Hunter's Dairy Gives Ice Cream Treats

Leslie Hunter, owner of Hunter's Aulsebrook Dairy announced today that the dairy had distributed over 1,200 cups of ice cream for annual Christmas parties this Yuletide season.

Among those who enjoyed ice cream as a gift from Hunter's Dairy were: St. Mary's Church, Grayling Lutheran Church, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Latter Day Saints Church, Frederic Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Lovells Community Chapel, Maple Forest Sunday School, Grayling Free Methodist Church and the Michelson Memorial Church.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. VanVleck have left for Melbourne Beach, Fla., to spend the winter.

## Hold Meetings On Proposed Trout Fishing Law Changes

### Sportsmen's Club Discuss Changes

At the regular monthly meeting of the Grayling Sportsmen's Club held last Wednesday evening at the Club building, the membership went on record as approving the Conservation Commission's proposed changes in the trout fishing regulations.

They accepted the first three proposals as they were and on number four approved a limit of five trout per day of at least ten inches each.

Lawrence "Bud" Hunter, club treasurer was elected as the club's representative to attend the meeting on January 22 at the Higgins Lake Training School where a discussion on the proposed changes will be held before the Commission and Fish Department officials. The club directed their representative to attempt to hold the main stream of the Aulsebrook River from the US-27 bridge downstream to the mouth of the East Branch and thence upstream on the East Branch to the Frost Hatchery as open water for trout fishing by youngsters only up to 17 years of age.

The club voted two changes in its by-laws. First to elect officers in December and have them take over their offices in the January meeting to serve a calendar year, second to change membership to run one year from the time the membership is issued. Both were passed.

Elected as officers for the year 1934 were: President, Eric Post; Vice-President, Stan Madsen; Secretary, Jerome Kessler; Treasurer, Bud Hunter; Directors, Nels Olson, Ed Cooper and Del Wheeler.

Eric Post then named chairmen of seven committees for the coming year. They were: Membership Otto Peterson; Publicity Bill Hines; Legislation, George Griffith; Entertainment, Nels Olson; Budget and finance, Bill Hines; Building, Nels Olson and Welcoming, Del Wheeler.

A motion was also approved that steps be taken to insulate the club's building as soon as plans could be worked out.

Don Babbitt left for St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor last Wednesday, where he underwent surgery on Friday. He is doing fine and expects to be home this Saturday.

## SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. NELLIE ALLEN

Services were held for Mrs. Nellie Mae Allen in the First Baptist Church at Frederic, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 23rd at 2:00 P. M. The Rev. E. K. Hudgston officiated. A friend of the family sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden." Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic, with Arthur Howes, Oscar Chartron, James Tobin, Walter Kruse, Chester Burke and Elroy Barber serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Allen was born in Bay City, Michigan, on November 12, 1886 to Jennie and James Russell. She lived in Bay City and South Boardman.

She attended school in South Boardman and on July 2, 1903, married Benjamin Allen in that village. They moved to Frederic in 1928. Mr. Allen preceded her in death. She was a member of the Methodist Church and a good wife and mother. She passed away at Mercy Hospital on Sunday, December 20th following a two day illness. Death resulted from coronary thrombosis.

Surviving are three sons, Doyle of Traverse City, Kenneth of Frederic and Bennie of Lansing; two daughters, Bernice Walker of Saginaw and Opal Noll of South Boardman; fifteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, William Russell of South Boardman and a sister, Mae Van Ethen of Lansing. A daughter preceded her mother in death.

Here to attend the services were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Allen and family, and Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of Traverse City, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Walker and family of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Allen and Mrs. Keith Compton of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Noll and family and William Russell of South Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Noll and family of Reed City, Mr. and Mrs. Elmond Noll and family of Inkster, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Allen of Norfolk, Va., Ed Jungman of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen and son and Mrs. Mae Van Ethen of Lansing.

Mrs. Carlisle Strobel is leaving today to spend Xmas with the Wallace Strobel family and Mrs. Carl Strobel in Saginaw.

## Aulsebrook River Guides Organize In Meeting

Thirty-three qualified Aulsebrook River guides from Grayling and the surrounding area met at the Grayling Sportsmen's Hall on Monday evening and organized. Earl Madsen was elected as the group's president and was also voted to represent the group at the meeting to be held on January 22 at the Higgins Lake Training School at which time the proposed changes in trout fishing regulations will come up for discussion with the Conservation Commission and Fish Department representatives.

These guides, who perhaps represent more years of fishing experience for trout than any other one group in the State of Michigan, went down the line in supporting the proposed changes. They discussed, however, only those waters in Crawford County and in particular the main stream and South Branch of the Aulsebrook River. They felt that they also registered the opinions of their customers as well as their own judgement.

Motions that were passed unanimously by the group were: To limit to fly fishing only the main stream of the Aulsebrook River from the mouth of the East Branch, at the East city limits of Grayling to Parmelee Bridge just north of Luzerne and the South Branch from Stecker's Bridge to the mouth and the North Branch from the Crawford-Otsego County line to the mouth; that size limit on these waters be 10 inches and daily limit be 5 fish; that fishing hours be from 6 A. M. to midnight; that trout fishermen be limited to one rod at a time.

A motion that the trout season be set from the first Saturday in May to and including Labor Day passed by a 32 to 1 vote. A motion to limit size to 8 inches and daily catch to 8 fish was defeated 28 to 4. The group also favored the removal of the dam at the US-27 bridge provided it was done under the supervision of the Conservation Department. A motion was also passed to table the subject of the use of so-called hard-ware by trout fishermen until more facts could be had.

The group voted to meet at least twice a year with the next meeting set for the second week of April. The association will be known as the Aulsebrook River Guides Association.

## Vikings Extend Victory Streak To Five Straight With Two Wins

### Charlevoix, Harrison Are The Victims

The Grayling High Vikings extended their season's victory string to five straight with a pair of wins last week, which marks them as one of the best, if not the best, Class C basketball team in northern Michigan. When the Mancelona Ironmen were tripped up Friday night by Charlevoix, it left Grayling as the only unbeaten Class C team in this part of the State.

Both games last week were played at the Grayling High gym. The Charlevoix Raiders were the victims Tuesday while the highly rated Harrison Hornets were defeated on Friday night.

On Tuesday night, Grayling scored the Charlevoix Raiders by a 54 to 47 count as the Vikings counted 21 field goals to the visitors 14 and hit for 12 out of 23

## WWTW On Air January 3rd

WWTW, Channel 13, began a regular schedule of test pattern operation on Monday, December 21. The test pattern will be on the air essentially during afternoon hours, but some unscheduled evening hours also are planned. Program operations of WWTW are scheduled to begin on January 3, 1934.

First signal from the new Cadillac station, which is designed to provide television service for the entire northern half of the Michigan Lower Peninsula, was provided for about one hour on Friday, December 11, for the purpose of testing antenna. Reports on reception of this initial test indicated that WWTW will supply good service over all of its basic coverage area and to many points far beyond.

WWTW is operated by the Spartan Broadcasting Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Sparks - Withington Company of Jackson, Michigan.

## Mrs. Louise Irland Succumbs Suddenly

Friends of Mrs. Louise Irland age 76, will be shocked to learn of her sudden death on Sunday, December 20th. Mrs. Irland, who had been ill for about two weeks, was confined to a Detroit hospital where she had undergone surgery. She was apparently recovering nicely when on Saturday she took a turn for the worse. Her daughter, Mrs. Walter Mikesell had returned home from Detroit on Tuesday feeling that Mrs. Irland was doing fine.

While Mrs. Irland was not a native here it seemed that way for she had been coming to the Aulsebrook River for over 50 years. Her married life was spent in Washington, D. C., where her husband was a reporter in the House of Representatives. Following his death in 1922 she came to Michigan, making her home with her son, Max Irland and family in Dearborn winters and with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Mikesell and family summers. However even when she lived in Washington, she spent summers on the Aulsebrook River, the home there originally belonging to her father.

Mrs. Irland will be remembered as fun loving and big hearted. She did many nice things for others. She loved this northern country and enjoyed her time spent here.

Rites were to be read on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd at the Querfeld Funeral Home in Dearborn.

She is survived by her son, Max, and daughter, Mrs. Walter Mikesell. Mrs. Mikesell left for Dearborn Sunday to attend the rites.

## Home Ex. Group 5 Xmas Party

Home Extension, Group 5, enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Clarence Roberts on Monday evening. A potluck supper was enjoyed at 6:30. The dinner table was spread with a red cloth and boasted of a centerpiece fashioned of Christmas tree boughs and pine. The whole house was decorated with greens and of course there was a Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged.

Bunco was played. Mrs. Harry Souders won first prize, Mrs. A. F. Doner second and Mrs. Carl Hanson consolation.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Byron Randolph the second Monday in January.

foul shots while the visitors clicked on 19 out of 31 charity tosses.

The Vikings worked a one point 6 to 5 advantage in the first quarter only to see Charlevoix come back to score 13 points in the second quarter along with Grayling to leave the halftime score 19 to 18 in the Viking's favor.

In the third quarter the Raiders struck back for 11 points, while Grayling managed only 10 to make it a brand new ball game going into the final period as the score was knotted at 29 points. The Vikings poured in 23 points in the final quarter while holding the visitors to 18 points.

Merv Bielski with 15 and Allan Luckstead with 12 led the Vikings while Dale Pettengill added 8, Richard Hamilton 6, Bob Barnett and Jerry Korhonen 4 each and Larry Pond 3. Bill "Bobo" Bennett with 17 and Mol with 8 were top scorers for the Raiders.

The Grayling Viking reserves tasted their first defeat last Tuesday night at the hands of the little Raiders on Charlevoix who defeated them 23 to 30 in the preliminary game. After leading for better than three-quarters of the game, the little Vikings succumbed to increasing court pressure by the Raiders and apparent nervousness on their own part.

On Friday night, the Harrison Hornets invaded the Grayling gym. The Hornets who were rated near the top of the Class C list last year by the Detroit Free Press brought almost the same team into action this season. The Vikings found themselves on the short end of a 14 to 13 score at the end of the first period as the Hornets pulled out all the stops in a vicious and powerful attack on the Grayling basket. The Vikings came back, however, in the second-canto to tip in 13 points while holding the invaders to 9 to take a 26 to 23 halftime lead. Grayling never relinquished the lead from that point as each team scored 6 points in the third period and Grayling garnered 17 in the final period as Harrison counted only 16 with the nod going to Grayling on a 49 to 45 score.

Big Merv Bielski again led the way for Grayling with 17 points as his work under the basket along with Dale Pettengill who scored 10 split the difference in the two teams Larry Pond starting in the spot of Richard Hamilton who had succumbed to the "flu bug", made 8 points with Bob Barnett adding 5, Roger Kessler 4, Allan Luckstead 3 and Jerry Korhonen 2. Skinner with 18 and Hoffman with 12 led the Hornets' scoring drive.

Grayling hit on 20 field goals to the Hornets 18 and made 9 free throws out of 18 attempted while Harrison also collected 9 points on 19 charity throws.

The little Vikings regained their winning ways against the Harrison second team on Friday night as they triumphed 39 to 29 with Bill Kenyon leading the way with 13, while he was ably assisted by Gary Parkinson and Gary Worden who each scored 8 points. Second team Coach Art Allen used twelve men in the game. Grayling scored 13, 14, 8 and 4 points in each of the four quarters respectively while holding the little Hornets to 6, 12, 9 and 2 in the four periods. The Viking reserves now boast of a four won and one lost record.

The Vikings squad will now enjoy the Yuletide holidays and will not be back in action until Tuesday, January 12 when they travel to Gaylord to take on the Gaylord High Blue Devils in one of the season's traditional frays.

## WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

Dec. 25—Regular evening Church service: Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. 7:30 P. M.

Jan. 20—G.H.S. Auditorium. Grayling Sportsmen's Club. Conservation Department guest speaker. Public invited.

Regular meeting, first Thursday of every month. Grayling Lodge 356, F. and A. M.

Hospital Aid — second Thursday each month, 1:30 p. m.

O.E.S.—Regular meeting 1st Wednesday of the month.

First & Third Mondays — Father Rels Council, Knights of Columbus. St. Michael's Hall, Roscommon.

American Legion Auxiliary meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Crawford County Grange meetings 1st and 3rd Mon. each month, beginning Jan. 5th.

Cub Scout Den — 2:30 each Sat. afternoon at Mrs. Matilda Hunter's home.

2nd Wed. each month — M. M. Church Men's Club 8:30 p. m. potluck.



## WANT ADS

NOTICE — All classified ads are to be paid for in advance unless the advertiser has already established good credit at this office. *Avalanche Office.*

## Chain Saws

Homeless, Lombard and Titan Chain Saw Sales and Service. Chain saws for rent. *Clare Madsen, Grayling, Phone 2563.*

FRANK'S PLUMBING SHOP — 3 miles north of Roscommon on US-27. Free estimates. Plumbing material and fixtures. *Briggs Beauty Ware, Frank L. Mullikin, Route 1, Roscommon, Mich.*

NOW AVAILABLE — On Allied Builders Credit Budget Plan, a famous Tinkin Wall-Flame oil burner. Convert your furnace now for even, easy to care for heat. Saves up to 25 percent on fuel. *B-C-D Company, 308 Michigan Ave., Phone 3531.*

FOR SALE — 100 percent pure motor oil in your own container. 60c per gallon. *Hi-Way Auto Parts, on US-27, 5 miles south of Grayling.*

NEW AND USED — Auto parts for most makes and model cars. Tires and batteries. *Hi-Way Auto Parts, 5 miles south of Grayling on US-27.*

SEE THE NOTED "Fringe area" television receiver by Sylvania at the B-C-D Company, 308 Michigan Avenue. *Phone 3531.*

ALL A. J. MARSHALL for crane and bulldozer work, concrete pouring, concrete or road gravel, airtar and fill sand. *Phone 3881. 405 McClellan, on US-27.*

METHYL BASE ANTI-FREEZE 99 cents gal., in your container. New batteries, written guarantee. *\$10.85 exchange and up. Hi-Way Auto Parts, US-27, 5 miles south of Grayling.*

FOR SALE — Michigan Avenue, 7-room home by owner. Terms available. *John H. Peterson.*

FILING — Handsaws, axes, knives and lawn mowers sharpened. *Ed Bowen, 704 Ionia St. Phone 4341.*

WOMEN WANTED — Housewives address advertising postcards. Must have good handwriting. *LINDO, Watertown, Mass.*

MIMEOGRAPH PAPER, 8 1/2 x 11, in 500 sheet packages. *Avalanche Office.*

THREE ROOM APARTMENT — For rent, completely furnished. Frigidaire, oil for heating, gas for cooking. Private entrance. *Mrs. S. D. Dunham, 607 Ottawas Phone 3891.*

HURRY — HURRY — HURRY — Have us erect your TV antenna before Christmas. Buy your set anywhere, we'll install the best in TV antennas. *Don't Radio Shop. Phone 4561 or 2973.*

IF YOU WISH TO ORDER advertising match folders call 3111 (The Avalanche) and some one will call on you to show samples and quote prices.

FOR SALE — Double kitchen sink with fixtures. *Phone 2231.*

FOR SALE — 1948 Hudson Commodore two door club coupe. Perfect shape. Low mileage. New rubber. *Ernest Hoelsi, Phone 3891, 403 Park St.*

WANTED — A Christian woman to share my small modern home or would board and care for elderly woman. Reference exchanged. Please write for appointment. *Mrs. Leulu Flagg, Frederic, Mich. Box 64.*

FOR SALE — About 115,000 feet of standing saw timber on 20 acres, 1/2 mile from black top road, level land, 8 miles south of Mancelona, 10 miles N. E. of Kalkaska. Large percentage basswood, balance maple, beech, elm, some hemlock. Write *Frank Priest, Mancelona, Mich.*

FEMALE HELP WANTED — As a Grayling Avon representative you can get started now for Avon's big 1934 contest. Beautiful prizes. Pleasant, profitable sales and service work. Write *Dist. Mgr., P. O. Box 107, Traverse City.*

3 ROOM APARTMENT — Furnished. Private bath and entrance. Oil heat. *Phone 4771, or 508 Ogema. Mrs. George Sorenson.*

ACCORDION LESSONS — Given at my home. *Barbara Chaudler, Roscommon. Phone 59W.*

HELP WANTED FEMALE — Make money at home addressing envelopes for advertisers. Use typewriter or longhand. Good full, spare time earnings. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mail \$1 for instruction manual. *Transiglo, P. O. Box 1543, Wichita, Kansas.*

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FOR SALE — Singer sewing machine, \$20. Vacuum cleaners \$9 and \$10. Saw filing and retooling done. *Kubik, Old Lake Road.*

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FOR SALE — Three homes in Grayling, starting as low as \$1,000.00. Terms. *Doyle Realty Co. Phone 2821. 505 Lake St.*

Atlas Plywood Corp. Employees I. W. A. C. I. O. Meeting

The employees of Atlas Plywood Corp. held their regular meeting on Monday, December 14, at the Sportsmen's Hall. President Ed Lozon was nominated as delegate to attend the District Convention on January 8th and 9th at Duluth, Minnesota.

Ernest V. Blohm Gets New Post

The appointment of Ernest V. Blohm as Recreation Consultant and Executive Secretary of the State Inter-Agency Council for Recreation is announced by Mrs. Lois D. Fyan, State Librarian, Chairman of the council's executive committee. Mr. Blohm has been an employee of the Conservation Department since 1940 in the Field Administration, Education, and Parks and Recreation Division, and was in military service with the U. S. Army in 1943. He has authored numerous articles about outdoor recreation, group and day camping, as well as historical sketches of Michigan's state parks, and is credited with developing the department's group camp program. He is well known throughout the state as a speaker on the use of the outdoors for recreation, and as a consultant in camping and recreation.

Mr. Blohm is well-known in Grayling, owning a cabin on Blue Lake and is a frequent visitor here for hunting and fishing. He has also officiated many basketball games at Grayling.

Mr. Blohm is a graduate of Mt. Clemens High School, holds an A. B. degree in physical education from Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo, and is currently completing graduate study at Michigan State College.

He formerly was high school teacher and athletic coach at Luther, St. Clair Shores, Harbor Springs, and Lansing Sexton, and has been active in football and basketball official. His experience includes 14 years of service with the City of Mt. Clemens in playground and community recreation administration.

He resides in Lansing with his wife and their seven year old son.

Frederic News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tobin, a son, on Dec. 18, and will answer to the name of James Edward.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Nellie Allen suffered a heart attack last Saturday and was removed to Mercy Hospital, where she passed away Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Horton is on the sick list this week.

The Girl Scouts entertained their mothers with a Xmas party at the Sportsmen's Club Saturday night. They served ice cream, jello and cake.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs.

Pauline Edmonds falling and breaking her hip. She was removed to the hospital.

Frederic is celebrating Xmas this year for the first time with a huge lighted Xmas tree near the P. O. Thanks to our Township Clerk who we hear was the instigator.

Frank Madill of Moultrie, Ala., arrived Sunday to join his wife and daughter for Xmas holidays, visiting at his parent, the Charles Madills and her parents, the Charles Posts.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kaiser and daughter, Marcee, spent the week end in Flint.

We are very glad to hear Mrs. Dick Shaw will be able to leave the hospital to go to her home for Xmas. Just 1 day then return to hospital. Mrs. Edith Payne is her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Feece of Merrill visited friends in Frederic on Sunday. Those they visited were the Charles Madills, Mrs. Kate Harmer, Mrs. Doris Bigham and Miss Linda. They were unable to visit the Albert Madills and the Gene Kaisers due to their being away. Mrs. Feece is the former Marty McIntosh, a roommate of Mrs. Kaiser in college.

At this writing no snow but plenty of rain.

The Baptist Church held their Xmas program Sunday night which was very nice.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Frederic Girl Scouts Hold Yule Party

The Frederic Brownie Girl Scout Troop Number Two under the leadership of Mrs. Raymond Brown held its initial Mother and Daughter Christmas party on December 19th at 4 o'clock at the Sportsmen's Lodge.

Eight Brownie members were present, six Brownie mothers, one assistant leader, and five guests. Those attending were: Mrs. Harold Mertes and daughter, Bonnie, Mrs. George Lodge and daughter, Mary Bea, Mrs. Jess Pratt and daughter, Bonnie, Mrs. Elroy Barber and daughter, Donna, Mrs. William Partello and daughter, Shirley, Mrs. Thomas Howard and daughter, Mary Jane, Miss Vonda Huddleston, Miss Judy Kimble, Miss Nancy Howard, Miss Jean Peterson, Mrs. Carl Johnson (assistant leader of the troop) and daughter, Janet, Mr. John Mertes (photographer of the group), and Mrs. Wesley J. Smith (acting mother of Vonda Huddleston because of Mrs. E. K. Huddleston's illness).

Mrs. Jess Pratt, Troop Committee Member and Girl Scout Mother of the Troop, was presented with a lovely corsage by the Brownie troop president, Miss Vonda Huddleston. Miss Huddleston acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and read a Christmas story with a dramatic theme. Miss Shirley Partello and Miss Donna Barber recited Christmas poems. "Silent Night" was sung by the group.

A candlelight luncheon consisting of a "Brownie cake," fruit cake, cookies, jello and hot chocolate was served by Miss Bonnie Mertes, Miss Shirley Partello and Miss Donna Barber.

The Christmas corsage and table decorations of poinsettias were made by Mrs. Raymond Brown. Favours were given each Brownie and girl present. These favours consisted of "Rudolphs," Santa Claus and Brownies.

Gifts were exchanged. A special Brownie billfold was presented to the Brownie president by the Brownies. A lovely gift was received by Mrs. Raymond Brown.

The doll making project was completed and the dolls were passed out.

The girls have completed two other Christmas projects.

They packed a Christmas box consisting of over thirty items for the Rescue Mission at Saginaw and made a scrapbook for the Shelton Home at Gaylord.

Frederic Boy Scouts Select Troop Colors

Billy Johnson, Jack Bindschatel, Gary Pippo and Steve Olson attended a Junior Boy Scout leaders meeting in West Branch High School Gym December 12th.

At our meeting December 16th we selected the color for our troops neckerchief. We selected school colors of orange and black, the same as the previous scout troop.

Saturday, December 18th eight members of our troop with our leader went on a two mile hike and had a Weiner roast, also apples baked in aluminum foil for dessert. We gathered some moss to earn more money for scout equipment for our troop. All reported a swell time.

We take this time to extend our most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas to our leader, Leo Post, assistant leader, Gene Kaiser and to all our sponsors. The members of the Frederic and Maple Forest Sportsman Club.

Reporter, Steve Olson.

The parents of boy and girl scouts wish to give a vote of thanks to all the scout leaders for the interest they are taking in our boys and girls. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to them all.

COUNTY NEWS

Pvt. Bernie Sadjak is enjoying a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Sadjak. Bernie is to report back December 28 for 8 weeks training before leaving for overseas duty.

Mrs. Dorothy Mertes and daughter, Barbara, spent several days last week visiting relatives—at Saginaw.

Mrs. Jennie Lee Jungman received word Monday her son, Dean Welsh, is in a Geneva, New York hospital with pneumonia.

Ed Jungman of Detroit will spend the week end with his family, arriving in time to attend the services for his wife's aunt, Mrs. Nellie Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard and family will leave Wednesday to spend the balance of the week with relatives at Clio and Bad Axe.

To the readers of this column, a Merry Xmas to you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill and daughter, Margaret, spent the week end with relatives at Flint.

A nice crowd attended the school program at the local school Monday night.

Frank Madill arrived Sunday to spend the Xmas holiday with his wife and daughter, also, the Charles Madills and Charles Posts.

Chief Welsh arrived home after a season on the boat.

Our sympathy to the Allen family on the loss of their mother. Mrs. Nellie Allen, who passed away Sunday night at Mercy Hospital.

Born, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tobin at Mercy Hospital. He will answer to the name of James Edward.

Mrs. Mary Sadjak and Pvt. Bernie Sadjak of Fort Knox, Ky., spent the week end with Mary's mother, Mrs. Catherine Skora and other relatives.

Sunday evening a large crowd attended the Xmas program entitled "And There Was Light" at the First Baptist Church at Frederic.

Moms Xmas party after several changes was held last Tuesday evening at the Sportsmen's Hall. 27 members, 2 lady guests, 13 men were present. Games were played after which gifts were passed followed by lunch.

Mrs. George Horton is confined to her home with gout arthritis.

Mary Ruth Circle Christmas Party

The Mary Ruth Circle entertained the Mary Martha Circle with a Christmas party Tuesday night. Ruth Nielson conducted the program and she gave a short talk and read a poem about Christmas. Marion Lamy read the Christmas story from Luke. Doree Worthey and Treva Engel gave readings about traditions from other lands. Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. June Taylor at the organ.

After the program a tasty lunch was served including fancy Christmas cookies. The tables were decorated with small angels, choir boys and lighted red tapers on a red and green paper sparkling with snow. The center piece had large angels which were made by Marion Lamy. Each place had a Santa Claus favor. Gifts were exchanged and much merriment and all reported having a good time.

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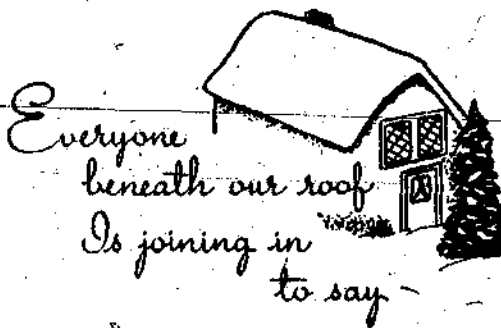
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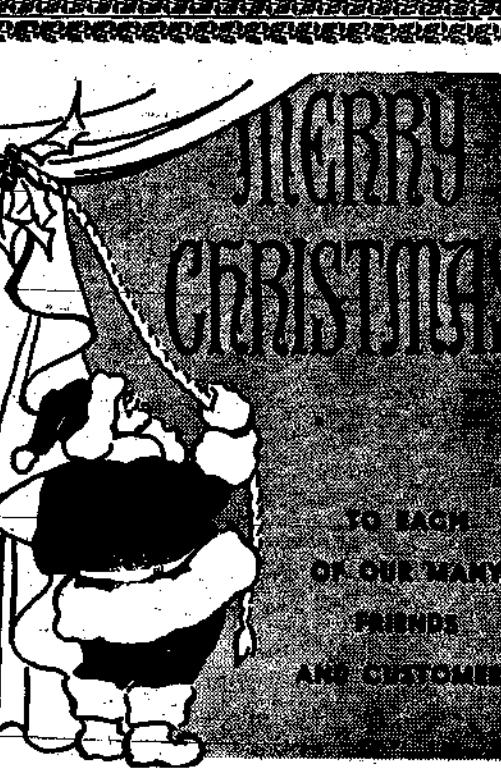
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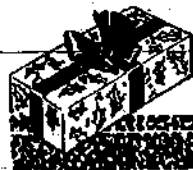
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Letters To The  
Editor

Editor's Note: Following is a letter received by Mrs. Kate Harmer, of Frederic, from her son, Johnny, who is serving with the U. S. Army in Korea: 10 Dec., 1953.

Hi Mother:

Issued in solemn warning this 10th day of Dec., 1953, to the family and friends of Douglas D. Harmer who was last seen home on leave in June, 1952, and has been missing from the family circle and his former haunts since that time. Now hear this! . . . By virtue of the astounding total of 18 months painfully accumulated and composed of equal parts of blood, sweat and tears, the powers that be, give their consent, approval and permission to the undersigned to return at long last to the "Old Country." Very soon now, the undersigned will once more be in your midst—dehydrated and demobilized, to take his place again as a human being with freedom and justice for all, engaged in life, liberty and the somewhat delayed pursuit of happiness. Barring floods, Nipponese earthquakes, typhoons, and lack of shipping space it seems likely that within three weeks he will once more appear among you.

You are especially cautioned to treat this newly-delivered demobilization with great care, courtesy, affection and respect. Show no surprise at his broken Japanese and mangled English, and humor him at all times. A low bow will help him feel at home and extreme politeness is recommended. "Important!" this man should not be allowed to have in his possession any sizable amount of American currency at any time, since he is accustomed to dealing lightly with hundreds of "Yen." Show no alarm if he prefers to squat upon his haunches instead of sitting in a chair. Keep cool when he plops gravely on his desert at the supper table. For the first few months, until he becomes house-broken, be especially watchful during the times when he is in the company of women, particularly young and attractive specimens. After months of seeing beautiful women in the movies, he feels himself a master lover and his intentions will probably be dishonorable but sincere. If the foregoing advice is borne in mind at all times, your gift to National Defense will slowly but surely begin to resemble the proper specimen you once knew. Send no more letters to APO 201 for the duration of the world! . . . banzz!

Your Veteran,  
Johnny.Michelson Memorial  
Church School

The usual Sunday morning program was set aside Sunday morning in the interest of the final preparation for the Christmas program which was to be presented in the church auditorium in the evening. In spite of the confusion occasioned by some departments meeting for lessons while others were in final rehearsal, perfect attendance banners were earned by Ronald Larson's section of the Second Grade, Mrs. Wheeler's Fifth, Mrs. Wright's Sixth and the Senior Class. Priscilla Pettengill, Susan Hayes, Linda and Nancy Knibbs were reported sick.

The program committee headed by Mrs. Ted Wheeler and Mrs. James Lamy presented a lovely program including a welcome by the Nursery Department, songs by the Kindergarten, Christmas Tree formation by the white-robed Primary Choir, a candle-light procession by the red-robed Junior Choir and a play, "No Room at the Inn," which culminated in a spot-lighted Nativity tableau. The committee wishes, through this column, to extend thanks to all who assisted in any way to prepare and produce this program, and those who contributed to the treats distributed after the program.

The Senior Department was scheduled to go carolling Monday evening, returning to the church for a class party. Adult classes are cancelled Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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Lutheran Sunday School  
Presents Xmas Program

On Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 7 P. M. the Grayling Lutheran Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program at Danebod Hall.

Rev. John Enselmann greeted the families and friends who had gathered to enjoy the presentations of the little folks.

Richard MacLeod led the opening prayer after which was the following program:

The Primary Class, Mrs. Clara Sorenson, teacher; Welcome, Danny Tinker; The Blessed Little One, Herluf Moshier; My Wishes, Janet Given; The Jack Horner Pie, Terry SanCartier; Happy Christmas, Billy Tinker; In Little Bethlehem, Neil Tinker; Away in a Manger, John Blaine; Christmas A B C's, Lauri Ann Olson; From Me To You, Camilla Marshall and Group singing by Primary Class, "Silent Night."

The Beginners Class, Judy Sorenson, teacher; The Little Folks, John Sorenson, Jon MacLeod, Virginia Bancroft, Roger Moshier, Carla Jean Moshier, Karen Given, Dale Tinker.

Group singing by Beginners, "Away in a Manger."

The Junior Class, Mrs. Clara Sales, teacher; Carols of Praise, Kay Tinker, Karen Hanson, Karen San Cartier, Julia Ann Marshall.

Piano solo, Star of the East, and Silent Night, Karen Hanson; Christmas Joy, Martin Tinker.

The Intermediate Class, Mrs. Laura MacLeod, teacher; Christmas Joy, Bill Filer; Papa's Necktie, Norman Sorenson; The Bible Story, Elaine Bancroft.

Group singing by the Junior and Intermediate Classes, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." "They Didn't Know," Joan Garland; 24

closing, Cathy Marshall; closing prayer, Richard MacLeod.

After the program the children were given their Christmas stockings and gifts from the Sunday Schoolteachers. Then the group danced around the Christmas tree, singing Christmas songs.

Coffee, cake and ice cream were served by the Lutheran Senior Aid in the basement. An added surprise was a Christmas party cake, complete with marshmallows on peppermint sticks which was made by Mrs. Wesley Kumpula.

The table decorations which were Christmas green and red tapers and the lunch were planned by Mrs. Sena Wiium and Mrs. Clare Melroy.

All in all it was an enjoyable evening and the Sunday school teachers wish to thank all those who helped make the program possible.

Frederic Sailor To Spend  
Holiday In Japan

Far East (FHTNC)—Christmas and New Year's holidays are to be spent in Kobe, Japan by the USS Los Angeles.

Serving aboard the heavy cruiser is Kendall F. Blindschattel, sea man, USN, son of Mrs. Mary E. Blindschattel of Frederic, Mich.

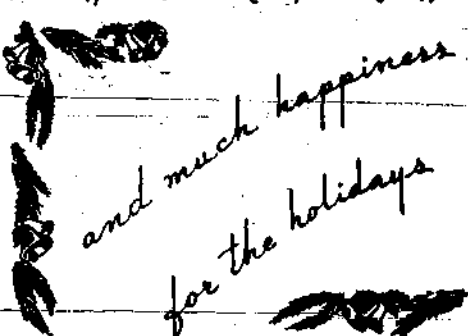
The Los Angeles rejoined the U. S. Seventh Fleet in early December for her third tour of duty in the Far East.

## LEGAL NOTICES

The regular Township Board meeting of South Branch Township will be held on the last Wednesday of the month instead of the last Tuesday until further notice.

Ernest Corwin,  
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## Grayling Bowling Notes

### MENS LEAGUE AMERICAN BOWLING LEAGUE Team Standings

1 Spike's Keg O' Nails	33
2 Pfeiffer's	32
3 Plaza Grill	32
4 Baringer's	28
5 Midwest Linen	26
6 Hanson's Chevrolet	26
7 Cadillac Overall	23 1/2
8 Drewry's	23
9 Davis Jewelers	20
10 AuSable River Inn	16 1/2
11 Welsh Motors	16
12 Cason's Motel	10

High five averages: Dean 171, Cornell 170, Dave Cook 166, Madson 165.21, Denton 165.1.

Individual high single: Clune 225, Jarmin 225, Cornell 224.

Individual high three games: Dean 600, Cornell 587, Dean 581, Madson 581.

Team high single: Baringer's 936, Pfeiffer's 909, Pfeiffer's 895.

Team high three games: Pfeiffer's 2542, Midwest Linen 2537, Pfeiffer's 2517.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE December 18, 1953

Team Standing	Points
1 Longs	28 1/2
2 Grayling Bow Hunters	28 1/2
3 Long's Restaurant	28
4 Kiwanis	28
5 Speedway "79"	27
6 Cadillac Overall	25 1/2
7 Pure Oil	25
8 Bear Archery	24
9 B-C-D	21 1/2
10 K. of C.	21
11 American Legion	18
12 Strohs	13

Team high 3 game series: Strohs 2531, Kiwanis 2502, Long's Restaurant 2478.

Team high single game: Long's Restaurant 913, Bear Archery 903, Kiwanis 902.

Individual high 3 game series: Jarmin 644, Bud Sorenson 595, Cornell 570.

Individual high single game: Cornell 244, Woods 232, Jarmin 231.

500 game: Sorenson 595, Cornell 570, Luckstead 512, Werz 509, Snyder 507, Dean 503, Breitenstein 502, Hillsby 501.

200 games: Cornell 244, Moor 213, Luckstead 216, Sorenson 205, 200, Hoeri 203.

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### WOMENS LEAGUE RECREATION LEAGUE Team Standings

1 Wayside Inn	33
2 Spike's	30
3 Hanson's	27 1/2
4 Avonchance	24 1/2
5 Burns Hardware	24
6 Olson's	23
7 Johnson Oil	23
8 Horseshoe Lake Inn	22
9 Mercantile	21
10 Tufts Distributors	19
11 Shoppenagons Inn	17
12 Dawson's	14

Team high single game: Hanson's 736, Horseshoe Lake Inn 731, Burns 726.

Team high series: Hanson's 2078, Spike's 2072, Burns 2034.

Individual high game: Ellen Gierke 200, A. Tahvonen 173, Jean Rasmussen 168.

Individual high series: Jean Rasmussen 470, Ellen Gierke 462, Margaret Balch 451.

### NORTHWOOD LEAGUE December 18, 1953

Team Standing	Points
1 Shiltee Shoppee	33
2 Weavers	31
3 Plaza Grill	27
4 Tip Top Togs	27
5 Sorenson's IGA	27
6 Alley Cats	27
7 B-C-D	25
8 AuSable Insurance	24
9 Mac's Drug	23
10 Sorenson's Spt. Gds.	18
11 Bear Archery	17
12 Scott's Bar	13

Team high series: Weavers 2148, Bear Archery 2073, Alley Cats 2027.

Team High Game: Weavers 741, Plaza Grill 722, Sorenson's Spt. Gds. 718.

Individual high series: Ellen Gierke 491, Joan Miller 474, Catherine Hayes 458.

Individual high game: Catherine Hayes 181, Ellen Gierke 187, Thelma McWilliams 169.

Marie C. Quinn, Sec.

### Midget League

1 Helcats	34
2 Screw Five	33
3 Meatballs	28
4 Friskie Five	19
5 Colies	17
6 Letties	15
7 Tigress	11
8 Crazy Ikes	8

This week marks the final week of the first half and to make it a good finish, the Helcats are to meet the Screw Five at 1 o'clock in a match that will decide first place in the league for the first half of the season.

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## Bite O' Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Oliver and daughter, Eileen of Essexville spent last week end visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willett and family. This group of girls have been friends for years and Nancy's mother, Mrs. Robert Sorenson, took their picture around the Christmas tree.

Sale—All rubber footwear at 10% off at Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire and daughters arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, the Harold MacNevens.

Friends of William Burrows of Detroit will be grieved to learn of his death in Detroit on Friday, December 18th.

Sale—Get rubber footwear now at 10% off at Olsons.

Jim McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain of Lake Margerthe, arrived home Sunday from Germany, where he had spent two years with the armed forces. He is to leave Sunday for Ft. Sheridan and expects his release from the Army before New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade plan to leave Wednesday for Toledo to spend the holidays with their daughter and family. After New Years they expect to continue on the Florida Keys to spend three months.

### LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walter J. Casterline and Margie M. Casterline, husband and wife, of 3904 Colby, S. W. Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Arthur E. Schaefer and Clara R. Schaefer, his wife, of 1738 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Michigan dated the 23rd day of May 1950, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 26th day of May 1950, in Liber Q of Mortgages, on page 1 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Two Thousand, thirty and 29/100 (\$2,030.29) Dollars, and the further sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, as Attorney's fees, making the whole amount claimed to be due at the date of this notice, to-wit: the sum of Two Thousand, Eighty and 29/100 (\$2,080.29) Dollars; to which amount will be added at the time of sale all taxes and insurance that may be paid by the said Mortgages between the date of this notice and the time of sale; and no proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, on any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Grayling, and County of Crawford, Michigan that being the place for holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday the 31st day of March 1954, at 12 o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with six per cent interest, legal costs, Attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgages does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Lot Nine (9), Block Four (4), of Oak Hill Park, being a part of the North half of Gov't Lot Four (4), of Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-six (26) North, Range Four (4) West, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated, December 21, 1953.  
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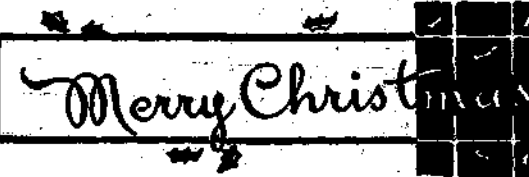
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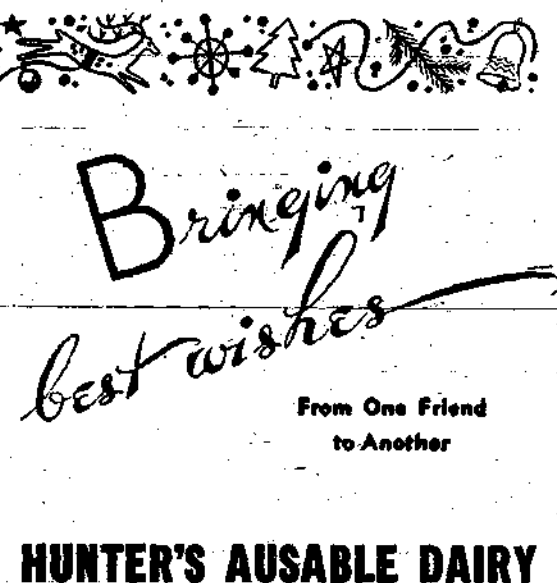
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**Bits O' Talk**

Miss Isabel Denton is the new cashier at the Black and White Grocery.

Mrs. Carlyle Strobel spent the week end in Detroit.

Table decorations by Harley Kennedy. See at the Homestead Shop next to the Black and White.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Dr. and Mrs. B. Elmore Henig and members of their office staff enjoyed dinner at Clancy's last Thursday evening. It being their annual Christmas celebration. Following dinner the remainder of the evening was spent at the Keyport home.

Mrs. Sena Whum entertained a group of friends at her home on Friday. The home was decorated in the Christmas motif as was the table at which lunch was served. Games were played. Mrs. Laura MacLeod won the first prize and Mrs. Wilhelm Rase the consolation prize.

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Mrs. Joseph Sopsack, age 68, succumbed at Mercy Hospital on Friday, December 18th, where she had been confined since November 9th. She was the mother of Mike Sopsack who lost his life in a deer hunting accident during the 1962 season.

Among the college students home to spend the holidays with their respective parents are Barbara Nelson, Christine Sales, Sue Giegling, James McCallum and James Burch of Michigan State College; Cora Ann LaGrow of Ferris Institute; Patty Hunter and Jean Lovely of Nazareth College; Kalamazoo and Derek McEvers of Marquette.

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Miss Pat Bunton of Royal Oak spent from Monday until Saturday as a guest of Miss Sue Giegling.

Delbert Joslyn who attends Michigan Tech at the Soo spent the week end with his brother, Harry Miller and family. He left Monday for Plooming to spend Xmas with his parents. He expects to return to the Miller home here on Monday to spend the remainder of his Xmas vacation.

Seven different 3D pictures mounted in View-Master Reel of your children. Call 5111 for appointment. Davis Jewelry.

Mayor and Mrs. A. L. Roberts spent from Tuesday until Friday in Reed City on business last week. Week end guests were the latter's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Harvey and daughter, Sandra of Flint.

Miss Marjorie Nelson who teaches school in Mason is spending the holidays with her father, A. J. Nelson and sister, Miss Barbara.

Miss Anna Nielson of Grand Rapids arrived Wednesday to spend ten days with her sisters, the Misses Margrethe and Olga.

Spending Christmas at the Melvin Nielson home will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodgkin of Detroit.

Sale 10% of on all rubbers at Olsons.

Mrs. Leo Jeambert and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hayter of Detroit spent Saturday here to make a pre-Xmas visit with Mrs. Jeambert's mother, Mrs. A. F. Gierke and other relatives.

Viewmaster 3D pictures of your children or family at Christmas. Call 5111 for appointment. Davis Jewelry.

E. J. Birdsall spent from Tuesday until Thursday in Detroit on business last week.

**Maple Forest**

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howse and Mrs. Ernest Winston went to Boyne City on Friday. Mr. Howse to attend a REA meeting while there.

Mrs. Pauline Edmonds had the misfortune to slip on the ice, falling and breaking her hip on Friday. Being alone at the time, she lay in the snow some time before some County Road men saw her and came to her help. She is a patient at Mercy Hospital.

There was a P. M. A. meeting at the Town Hall on Friday for the purpose of working on Farm Schedules for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Piagens and

family left for New Haven, Mich. on Tuesday, where they will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winston and Mrs. Archie Howse were in Saginaw last Tuesday on business and Christmas shopping.

The T. N. T. Club are having a mid-holiday dance and potluck supper at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 23rd, also to initiate their new phonograph. Come and bring your friends and have a good time.

The Christmas program and party held Saturday night was a huge success, with a crowd of about 150 there to enjoy the program and potluck lunch following. We wish to thank Les Hunter for the treat of ice cream which he contributed, also all of those in the play cast and others participating in the program. Santa Claus was also on hand to greet the kiddies, and boxes of candy and nuts were given out to the children and most of the adults present.



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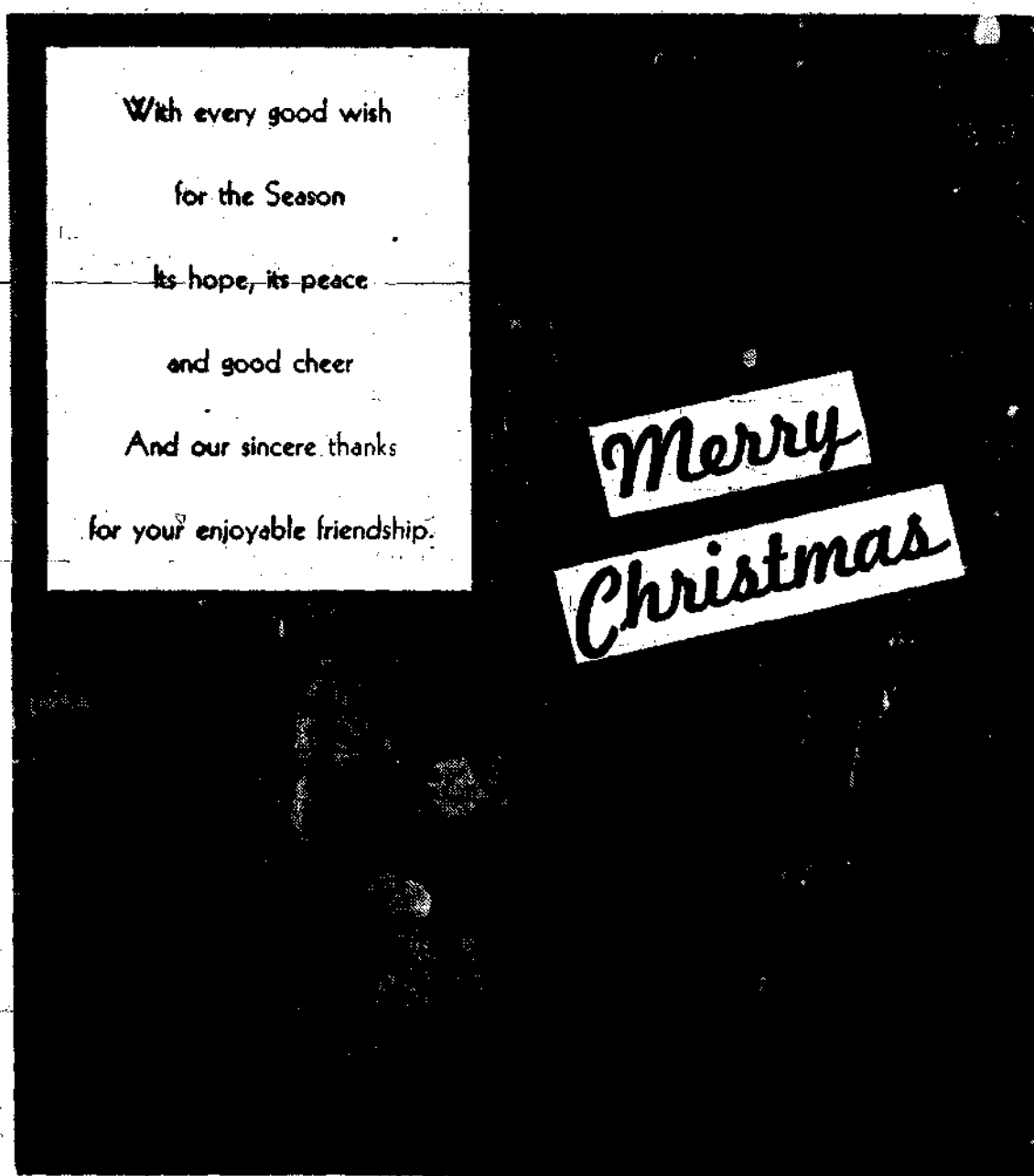


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# Happy New Year

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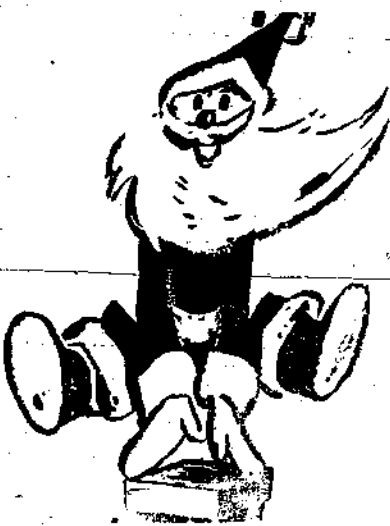
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again — time for  
us to offer our  
wishes for a



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AND A VERY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.

Union Telephone Company

## Bits O' Talk

Among the interesting holiday decorations in town are eight reindeer and a sleigh going up the S. D. Palmer home on Elm Street and Santa is on their chimney on the roof. Another is at the Joseph Lennerts in the trailer park. They have Frosty, the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blumen-schein accompanied by Miss Marilyn Gildner drove to Ft. Knox, Ky., last Thursday to get their son, Dale, who is enjoying a 14 day leave. They arrived home Sunday.

Table decorations by Harley Kennedy. See at the Homecraft Shop next to the Black and White. Sara and Warner Smith are home from Ypsilanti to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Jappe Smith, and sister, Miss Mildred.

DeVere Wolcott, Jr., arrived home from the San Diego Naval base on December 18th to spend the holidays with his parents. Miss Margaret Regneres of Inlay City is also spending the holidays at the Wolcott home, a guest of DeVere, Jr.

## JUST US CLUB

(Continued from Page 1)

of '33 by a group who had just graduated. The original members were: Lois LaGrow, Madonna LaMotte, Muriel Marshall, Wilma LaGrow, Elma Mae Moshier, Dorothy MacLeod, Dagmar San Carter and Martha Sorenson Neirrenberg, now of Port Sanilac. Seven original members still belong. Others who have been one of us are: Irene Randolph, Stephan.



To wish  
you a  
Merry Christmas

★★★  
FAILING'S  
RESTAURANT

Yvonne LaGrow Overly, Edythe May, Ruth Mack Foley, Loretta Kessler, Viola Reynolds, Evelyn Sorenson Jones and Lucille Larson Longstreet. We now have ten members which includes the original and Clara Sorenson, Norma Gust and Mildred Blaine.

Our memories are of many good times together on picnics, rabbit suppers, card parties and Frois which have included our husbands. The following poem, written by Clara Sorenson was given to each member present inside a hand made Christmas card.

Just Us was formed  
In the fall of '33  
By a group of eight graduates  
Just set free

Of School Days that had been  
Days of friendship true  
That has held us together  
These twenty years through

A new friend has joined  
With us now and then  
We started with eight  
We now number ten.

Dan Cupid stepped in  
And shot us all through  
With his arrows of love  
Now we go two by two

Two by two, then more  
As our families have grown  
From infants to teens  
How the time has flown!

A house now and then  
Has been warmed by our fun  
But underneath lies a sentiment  
That our fellowship has begun.

We've been out to a Prom  
Every once in awhile  
All dressed up in our best  
To dance many a mile.

Then gather and talk  
And down a bowl of Chili.  
Who likes it HOT?  
Bob or Billy?

The men of our group  
Have hunted high and low  
For rabbit to feed us  
And what do you know?

They did it, they did!  
They went out and got meat  
"Bless their hearts," we said  
When they took us out to eat

Now we're gathered tonight  
As we've been in the past  
A group closely formed  
A group that will last.

Let us now give a toast  
To our Anniversary date,  
To Just Us, the club  
Here to celebrate.

Twenty years together  
And many, many more  
With God's blessing will be  
What we all hope for.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the nurses, Sisters, Drs. Keyport and Henig and neighbors for their kindnesses during our recent bereavement.  
Frank Millikin and family.

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## Michigan Mirror

**Biggest Hurdle** so far in the long struggle to build the Mackinac Bridge was successfully completed December 17 when the State Administrative Board unanimously approved sale of bonds to finance the \$99,800,000 structure.

The board consists of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of State, attorney general, treasurer, auditor general, superintendent of public instruction, and the highway commissioner.

The board also let contracts for work to begin at the same meeting. One for \$44,535,000 went to the American Bridge Co.; one for \$24,735,000 to Merritt, Chapman and Scott Co. for foundation installations.

**One More Obstacle** remains: Approval of the Michigan Supreme Court. The board is under order to hold the bonds until the court hears arguments and decides whether the transactions are Constitutional.

Hearings are scheduled to start Dec. 22; the decision is expected by Feb. 15.

If the court finds the sale constitutional, work can begin; if not, the efforts and dreams of many who worked to secure the bridge will go up in smoke. A new effort will take several years to regain wasted accomplishment.

Complications and confusion arose in the final days before the board meeting. D. Hale Brake, state treasurer and a man respected for his knowledge of state finance, criticized the method of raising the money. After making clear his position that he did not oppose the bridge, he pointed out that bonds with only bridge tolls as security commanded a higher rate of interest than those backed by the state and its assets. He figured that the method being used will cost users of the bridge a total of \$193,825,000 (interest is now approximately 4.2%) that if the people would vote approval of the bonds, the total cost to taxpayers could be lowered to \$128,185,000—a savings of \$64 million otherwise to be paid in bridge tolls.

No reason exists why the second course cannot be followed later, and it seemed generally agreed by board members that the bonds would be refinanced at the lower interest rate any time a public referendum permits.

Big question mark now was supplied by Sen. Haskell L. Nichols (Rep., Jackson) who sought an injunction hours before the bond agreement was made. He sought to prohibit the action. The court would not issue such an injunction but did order a delay in the actual transaction until the question was settled.

Bonding and construction representatives were more than agreeable that the court pass on the case; they were anxious, for if approved, they will feel more confident of their position in the whole matter.

As pressure grows for relief to overcrowded schools, the likelihood will increase that the present "temporary" business receipts tax will become permanent. The legislature turned to the levy as the main source of revenue to wipe out a \$65 million deficit. The deficit, in turn, was caused directly by the voters' constitutional diversion of sales tax funds to local governments of which public schools are the principal beneficiary.

If current educational needs are to be met, all available state funds—and even more property taxes locally—will be necessary.

Hence there is growing skepticism at Lansing at the prospects for repeal of the state sales diversion amendment, such as is sought in some quarters. Educational demands are mounting. Here are some facts:

Since July 1, 1952, a total of 481 new schools or major additions have been approved by the state for public education; 70 more for parochial systems.

Enrollment in Michigan colleges and universities was nearly 100,000 in 1953; 12.7% more than 1952.

"War baby" population increase will reach college levels about 1958.

Present high school enrollment is one third higher than the systems were built to accommodate.

Specialties such as medicine, dentistry are already unable to educate those eligible for training. Applications for medical school are accepted at a 9 to 1 ratio; dentistry at 5 to 1.

Following our usual custom

each Yuletide Season, we

take this means to say to you

Merry Christmas

and, too, we say, "Thanks a

million" for your many

past courtesies.

GREETINGS

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Merry  
Christmas

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Friends  
and  
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## BITS O' TALK

Miss Shirley Rasmussen spent a few days in Saginaw last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Nels Kren. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards are expecting the former's mother, Mrs. Nellie Edwards of Traverse City to spend Christmas with them. As has been their custom for several years, the Edwards will drive to East Jordan to have dinner with Mrs. Edwards' family.

Miss Anna Nelson of Grand Rapids arrived Wednesday to spend a week visiting her sisters, Misses Margrethe and Olga and brother, A. J. Nelson and family.

Miss Patty Thompson drove to Mt. Pleasant Friday and accompanied home Mr. and Mrs. Ted Davenport and little son, who came for the holiday vacation.

Miss Phyllis Goss left Friday for Onondaga and spent several days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Dack and son, Carleton. Returning Phyllis was accompanied by Carleton, he coming to spend Xmas Eve at the Goss home, when they will have their family gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick were hosts to eleven couples at dinner on Saturday, Dec. 12th at their home. It was the Christmas party for this group and games were enjoyed after dinner, and gifts were exchanged.

Rev. R. C. Puffer was in Spencer, Mich., Wednesday of last week officiating at the funeral of Frank Bush. Services were held at the Church of Christ.

Mrs. George Sorenson had as recent guests Mr. and Mrs. Harry Novick and Mrs. Richard Berens of Grand Rapids. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knibbs are expecting to spend the Christmas holidays in Saginaw, guests of their daughter, Mrs. George Wiggins and family.

Mrs. Paul LaBrash has been spending several days in Flint visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Fogelsonger and other relatives. Mrs. Earl W. Broadbent returned home Tuesday of last week from Arlington, Va., where she had been for five weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Donald E. Southern.

Miss Charlene Lenkowski arrived home Tuesday from Marywood Academy, Grand Rapids for the holiday vacation, and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lenkowski at Lake Margrethe.

Jean Nelson had 14 boys and girls at her guests on Monday afternoon of last week to help her celebrate her fifth birthday. Bobby LaChapelle won the prize for dropping the most clothespins into a bottle. Jean's mother, Mrs. Carl H. Nelson, Jr., served lunch and the table was centered with a pink and white birthday cake, holding five candles.

Mrs. Thomas Douglas was hostess to her Pinochle club at her home at Lake Margrethe, Thursday evening and it was the Christmas party for the club. For cards Mrs. Edmund Rutkowski and Mrs. Donald Sorenson were the prize winners. The lunch table was centered with a rustic theme and red tapers. Gifts were exchanged. The next party will be at the home of Mrs. Leslie Goss.

Mrs. Algot Johnson was hostess to the Danish Reading Circle Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Byron Randolph and daughter, Phyllis and Mrs. Herbert Stephan spent Friday in Cadillac.

Mrs. Byron Randolph entertained her Bunco Club for their Christmas party at her home Thursday evening. Prize winners for the games were Mrs. Herbert Stephan, Mrs. Dan Owens and Mrs. D. SanCartier. Mrs. Stephan also won the penny prize. The money derived from the penny prize is to be used to buy new card tables for the club. Lunch was carried out in the Yuletide theme and gifts were exchanged among the members that had been placed beneath a lighted Xmas tree, and each one received a sack of candies, nuts and other goodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Milnes left Saturday morning for Portales, New Mexico to spend the holidays visiting their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Rosin and daughters, They were accompanied by Roy Milnes Jr.

Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mr. and Mrs. William Sorenson, after spending a few days in Lansing left for Texas and California to spend the winter. In Houston, Texas, they will visit the former's sister, Mrs. A. R. Engler and sister-in-law, Mrs. William Fischer, and in Trinidad, Calif., another sister, Mrs. Ervin Hodge and family. And in Palm Springs still another sister, Mrs. George McPeak and family.

City Manager Russell Carlson, William LaGrow, Robert LaMott, and Byron Randolph of the City Fire Department were in Lansing Thursday to witness and take part in the demonstration of fire fighting equipment and fire fighting.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon opened the dining room at Shoppenagons Inn on Thursday afternoon for the annual Mercy Hospital Aid Society and Sisters of Mercy benefit Christmas party. There was a lovely luncheon followed by cards, and bridge, canasta and pinochle were played and prizes were awarded for each of the tables. Mrs. George Griffith was general chairman, Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and Mrs. J. F. Cook were in charge of decorations and Mrs. A. E. Mason, tallies. As in former years the party was a very enjoyable affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Surine left Thursday for Saginaw to spend the holidays visiting a daughter and two sons who reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rutkowski are planning to spend the Christmas holidays in Detroit visiting their son, Lewis Rutkowski and family.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rutkowski during week were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mankowski, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dreffs and John Dreffs, all of Gaylord. Pvt. Robert Visnaw was to leave for Georgia today, after a ten day furlough spent here visiting his sister, Rita, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Visnaw. He came from Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he had been entering the service in the fall.

## IT'S REALLY THE TRUTH



CHRIST WAS NOT BORN IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA. IT IS A FACT THAT, THROUGH THE YEARS, THE GOLDEN RULE HAS BEEN AND WILL BE THE BASIS OF ALL TRUE CIVILIZATION.

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

Jesus Christ was not born in the first year of the Christian era. Jesus Christ was born between 8 and 4 B. C. Ref. World's Popular Encycl. Vol. 7 — Jesus Christ.



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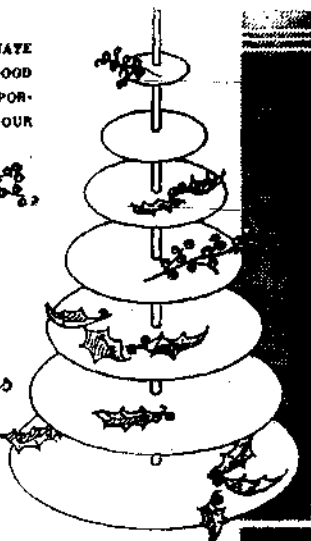


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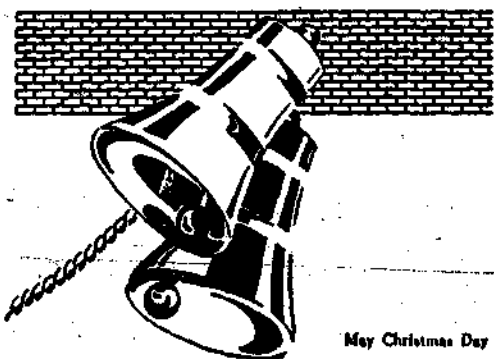


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May we extend our  
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For a Happy Holiday Season  
to Each of  
our good friends.

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MARIE HERRICK, Prop.



I hope you have  
a Merry Christmas



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## Doggie in the Window

By LILLIAN MITCHELL

SANDRA sighed and slipped into her white fur jacket. Mabel laughed, her brown eyes crinkling at the corners. "Oh, well, maybe it isn't as much fun going out for New Year's Eve with a crowd of girls. Sandra. But, at least, come Monday morning, we shall have something to tell at the office."

"I know, I know," agreed the grey-eyed Sandra. "Only if I'd guessed how very few men there would be here in Emeryton, I'd have chosen to stay in the City where I do know men—from school days. And I'd never in the world have bought this fur jacket on the so-called easy term basis."

Arm in arm, they left the boarding house and hurried towards the bus stop where they were to meet two other girls. The air was fresh and icy and Sandra pulled the collar of the white fur jacket closely. In the darkness, a small dog crossed the sidewalk, nearly tripping them in the dragging leash.



"Come on," Mabel said. "The girls are waving that a bus is coming, Sandra."

"That must be the doggy in the window," Mabel laughed. "That doggy must have a good home." Sandra chimed in. "What a coat! The golden fur drags on the sidewalk, for a fact."

The golden Pekingese looked up at her with enormous eyes and waited. Sandra stopped, looking closely at the collar that stated, "I'm Tang, I live at 432 Euclid Avenue. Please take me home."

Sandra glanced up at the nearby house. "Well, Tang, you are home. Skip up those steps, Pup."

"Come on. The girls are waving that a bus is coming, Sandra," Mabel said.

"I'll meet you at the corner of State and Broadway. I'm going to ring the bell and tell them their dog is loose," Sandra said.

"Oh, the dog will get inside, all right. Come along!"

But Sandra stooped again, swooped the tiny dog into her arms and ran lightly up the greystone steps. Her ring brought no one to the door although she could clearly hear the soft chime when she pressed the button. Opening the door that was unlocked, she called gently, "Here's Tang. Anyone at home?"

"Oh, come in, please," answered a silvery voice.

Sandra, still holding little Tang, moved along the hallway to an open doorway where a fireplace glowed and an elderly woman sat in a wheelchair. "Donny took him walking, my dear, and Tang must have got away, somehow."

"Ah, well, he couldn't have got himself lost," smiled Sandra. "He was right outside your door."

"Yes, but he chases cars. We even had him trained by a professional training school and they really trained him in everything except car-chasing—and with his leash dragging—" she sighed.

Then the door burst open and a tall, dark-haired young man rushed in. "Grandma! Tang—why, you little yellow rascal! You—"

"He's not yellow—he's golden!" interrupted his grandmother. "And I'll wager you took him in that convertible I got you for Christmas—and he jumped out—and this is the blonde girl who lives down at 666 on this same street—goes home every night with the brown-haired girl at sixteen minutes after five. My grandson, Donny."

"How do you do," murmured Sandra, edging towards the doorway. "How in the world did you ever guess I lived at 666?"

"The lady who keeps it is a friend of mine, my dear. Me, I got to sit in the front window all the time because I fractured my hip ten years ago."

"Oh," said Sandra. "I am to meet some girls downtown—"

"How's for me driving you down, the busses will all be jammed at this time—on New Year's Eve—and if your brown-haired girl friend will double date, I've a classroom home from the hospital—he's an intern where I am this year—"

"That'll be nice—and maybe I'll see the four of you on TV when I look on at midnight," said his grandmother. "Don't let me keep you," she urged. She heard the front door click and motioned to the dog to jump into her lap.

"Well, at pup, I never made a better trip down that hallway to the front door—in 666—quick time, too. That girl and Donny—they couldn't be righter for each other, eh?"



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 35 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 35 year history.

## Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1934 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bolls and stars at street intersections and have dancing community trees.



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . .** Full of Yule good fellowship, "Bingle" tries to arouse some ditty in the festive heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

## Yule Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk. He thought of the idea in 1909 while mailing Christmas packages and letters.

The clerk was Elmar Holboell. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost

of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Rila, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

### Door Decorations

In the last few years it has become more and more popular to decorate doors and doorways with bells and tree ornaments instead of the conventional wreath.

Your door and window frames can be made bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash-bows for colorful effect.



### ANGELS WITHOUT WINGS

In the Children's Aid Society Jones Center, all was calm as the call for rehearsal of carols was sounded. The little angels without wings took their places, with one moppet sporting a black eye. He couldn't resist reaching under his cassock to be sure his treasured gun and holster were still there.

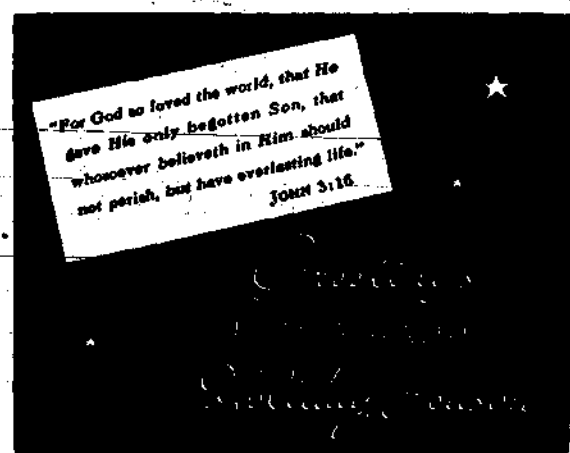
### Little Indiana Town Owes Fame To Unusual Name

The little community of Santa Claus, Indiana, owes its fame to its unusual name. And at Christmas time its small post-office is swamped with mail from throughout the world by people who want their letter postmarked Santa Claus.

In addition, thousands of letters are received at the post-office addressed to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

The notes range from the whimsical to the desperate, requesting such things as a mama doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of eyeglasses.

They come from countries all over the world—small villages in Canada and big cities in Europe.



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## It's Christmas Again!



Holiday Greetings

## It's Christmas Again!

To all of us, the Christmas holidays are the most sacred season of the year.

The Christmas spirit dominates every home where children hang their stockings. Santa Claus becomes a reality for every adult when tangy fragrance of fir or cedar or hemlock from the tree permeates the living room.

We feel Christmas in our hearts as we go to church. Christmas is in every shop where men stop work at lathe and drill to hang wreaths on walls and from the ceilings; it is in every town square where a forest giant waves its branches over the pavement; in every office where ribbons sway below the ceiling and tiny trees adorn the desks.

Each Christmas takes us back from the machine age to the days when racing reindeer were our dream of fast transportation. Again we hear fairy bells tinkle as Dancer and Prancer whirl Santa's sleigh from chimney to chimney. It's Christmas.

In Grayling  
23 Years Ago

Interesting Items of News  
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Years Ago.

December 25, 1930

Nels P. Olson, one of Grayling's oldest citizens, passed away at his home early Monday morning, following a two years illness. He was 81 years old. He is survived by his widow, the former Marie Fischer, and eight children, Mrs. Anna Schjotz, Mrs. Ruby, Mrs. Neven, Esbern, George, Ernest and Lester, all of Grayling, and Alfred and James of Detroit. Also one brother, John Olson of Saginaw.

Mrs. Lars Rasmussen is quite ill at her home.

Miss Virginia Hanson, who attends Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is spending the holidays with her father, T. W. Hanson.

Hurl Deckrow, who is employed by the Alert Pipe and Supply Co., of Bay City, visited at his home here Sunday.

The annual Christmas party of the Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt.

Mrs. Richard Thompson entertained her Birthday Club at a Christmas party Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Axel Larson received the penny prize.

Grayling High School Basketball team was defeated at Alpena Friday night, 17-12, and the Lumberjacks were defeated by East Jordan on the home floor, 37-34, Saturday night.

Two splendid Christmas programs under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Clappert were given at Michigan Memorial Church Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the evening and the children's Christmas program was held on Thursday evening with recitations and musical numbers by the Primary Department. A Christmas tree with treats followed.

Miss Emma Hendrickson is home spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hendrickson. She is taking a post-graduate course at the Woman's Hospital, which she expects to complete Feb. 1.

T. E. Douglas, age 69 years, owner of the Douglas Hotel at Lovells and proprietor of the Nash Garage, Grayling, passed away at Mercy Hospital, Sunday morning, following a long illness. Surviving the deceased besides his widow Margaret, is a son, Edgar, Jr., also his aged mother, Mrs. Emma C. Douglas, a brother, Charles H. Douglas of Memphis, and two grandsons, Thomas Edgar III, and James Collen Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barber entertained eight of their friends at a card party Saturday evening. Guests were the Richard Thompsons, Otto Cox and LeRoy Scotts.

Mrs. Frieda Niles Brainerd formerly of Grayling and a graduate of the class of 1903 of Grayling High School, passed away in Coldwater Thursday. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Louise B. Niles and a brother, Arthur.

The children of St. Mary's Church were entertained at a Christmas party held at the American Legion hall, when they presented a program of Christmas carols and recitations. Mrs. Emil Kraus was general chairman and Mrs. Adolph Peterson and Mrs. Liland Smock were in charge of the program.

Miss Thienes classes in home economics has been busy bees as they filled 50 boxes with candy, peanuts and stuffed dates and sent them to the Board of Trade rooms to be put into the baskets to be sent out to cheer little folks on Christmas. They financed it too, and they also made 700 stockings that were used by Santa in his community work, taking them home to sew after school hours.

Mrs. William Williams was hostess to "Our Gang" sewing club Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Corwin arrived home Sunday for the holidays.

30 Years Ago—December 24, 1923

Will Woodburn has his feet un-

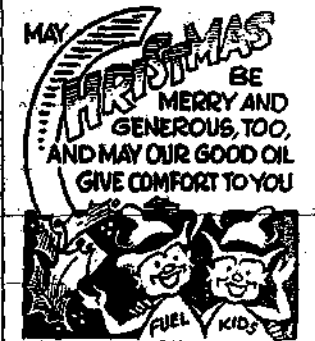
der his dad's table for Christmas.

Ben Jerome, Will Fischer, George Kraus and Ole Johnson, students at M. A. C. are spending Christmas at home.

Miss Katherine Bates is home from Alma, and has resumed her place in the Postoffice, where she is an expert.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan

TUFTS full KIDS



We take this opportunity to wish all our many friends a very Merry Christmas Season.

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GRAYLING Phone 3101

Hoesli, Dec. 20, a son. Dan weighs about a ton.

Carl Johnson and Carl G. Johnson both of whom are attending Ferris Institute are home for the holidays. Also Miss Elizabeth

Salling is home from Big Rapids.

Arthur Fournier is home from Notre Dame University for the holiday vacation.

The youngest daughter of the

Charles Lees of Lovells died Tuesday evening.

Supervisor Craven of Frederic is on a visit to Grand Rapids and Flint.

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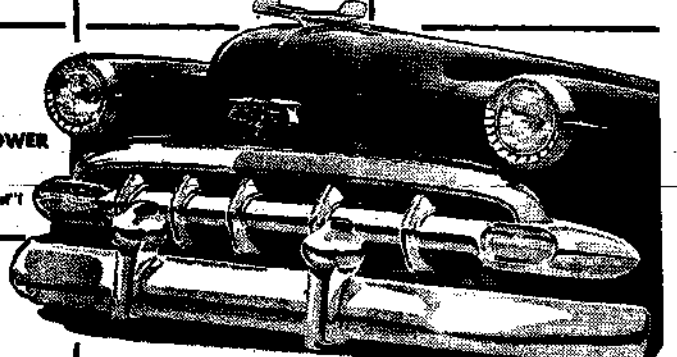
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Fall and Winter Schedule — Monday thru  
Saturday, Doors Open 8:45. Show starts 7:00.  
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Fri., Xmas Day, Show Cont. from 2:00 p. m.

"Wings of the  
Hawk"

— In Technicolor —  
— Starring —

Van Heflin and  
Julia Adams

ALSO

8 Tom & Gerry  
Cartoons

Little Boo Bop—Color Cartoon

World News

Sunday & Monday

## "Tumbleweed"

— (In Technicolor) —  
— Starring —

Audie Murphy and  
Lori Nelson

Sunday Show  
Continuous From  
2 P. M.

Color Cartoon

Hydrogen Hurricane

Sports

## 'Roman Holiday'

— Starring —

Gregory Peck and  
Audrey Hepburn

Last Show Starts  
at 10:00 P. M.

Color Cartoon

World News



Mac's Drug Store

"THE REXALL STORE"

## YOUR MILK...

Ever since Time began, people have been wondering just what the purpose of Life is, and what the outcome will be after Death. Nearly Twenty centuries ago, Jesus Christ was born. He spent his whole lifetime with us. He told us who he was and about God's laws and what we can expect beyond the grave. His teachings bore more fruit than many of us are ready to admit. At Christmas time every year, the whole world removes the mask and does what He said. "Love thy neighbor as Thy love thyself." In spite of our selfishness and greed for power, there is not a single one of us who does not look to God as the last resort and hope for the future. It does not matter what our station in life has been.

Milk, cream and butter are important items of the Christmas meal. Order them early as the demand is great. Every member of our Dairy Association wish our customers and friends a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Crawford County produced milk is sold at Hunter's AuSable Dairy.

**Crawford County Dairymen's Assn.**

## Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

*"To learn your luck for the year they*

*burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day. If the flames burn bright and the light shines clear, Good luck will be yours through the year."*

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world.

The custom is believed to have started in Ireland. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe." And it is the custom that the candle can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle," burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

## Guard Against Fire This Yule Season

Guard against fire in your home this Yule season.

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only a minute or so and that doesn't leave much time to call for help.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what is lacking in size.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.



MRS. SANTA . . . She is lovely. This is Miami Beach's version of Mrs. Santa, doing her chimney climbing in the warm southland.

## Birth of the Savior Was Greatest Event In World's History

Pleasant as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

## Puritans Outlawed Yule as Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1645. With the restoration of the Stuarts Christmas customs and traditions

MERRY CHRISTMAS



In this Happy Holiday Season, we want to express sincere thanks for your past patronage and wish you and yours a most bountiful Christmas.

**Grayling Gulf Service**  
607 Cedar St.  
Phone 3071

## 10 Year Old Doe Killed In County

A tagged doe deer, 10½ years old, was shot during the special deer season this year in southern Crawford County, the Conservation Department reports.

George S. Jaques, Toledo, Ohio, reported he was hunting near the

intersection of routes 27 and 18 south of Grayling when he bagged the deer, bearing ear tag No. 3540.

She had been captured and tagged as a fawn in February, 1942, in the Hanson Refuge, only a few miles from where shot.

Conservation Department records contain several instances of deer 10-15 years old.



**Dick's Speedway "79" Service**

# Christmas

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger . . . the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World . . . the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind . . . calling us to church on this, our Savior's natal day . . . to lift our voices in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols . . . and lift our hearts anew with the courage and hope of His message.

## YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Probate Judge

LEO E. LOVELY

County Clerk

RUD HUNTER

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JOHN A. PAPENDICK

Sheriff

CHARLES E. MOORE

Prosecuting Attorney

ARCHIE HOWSE

County Treasurer

Wishing You a Joyous Season

May the warmth and glow of the season be as

comforting and pleasant as that of the traditional

Christmas candles — our wish for you and yours —



**Art Clough**

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As the Merry Christmas bells herald

the coming of another Season

of joy and happiness,

we extend to you, not only

our Christmas greetings,

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for your friendly response

to our efforts to serve you.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAY . . .** A parade makes it a happy holiday for children. Every year Macy's of New York has a gigantic pre-Christmas parade. Here excited youngsters watch the gay spectacle. They are having the time of their lives and the scene will be repeated in hundreds of towns throughout the country this Christmas season.

### Christmas Today Is Too Commercial, Many People Believe

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized" and has lost its true meaning.

Has it?  
 Is it wrong this one time in the year to make the dominate theme one of giving, rather than receiving?

Giving has always been a major part of the Christmas theme—the giving of joy and happiness to others whether it be spiritual or

### Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knighthood to the originator, Henry Cole, a middle-class Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1848. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a thousand of the cards struck off by a lithograph. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today, however, are far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

### Most Beloved Carol Is 'Silent Night'

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night" that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Since then the carol has been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world and in the languages of nearly all men.

### That Reindeer Is Becoming a Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1939, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 1,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 10 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

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These Christmas wishes are meant for a happiness that will linger throughout the entire year. Thanks, too, for your good will and friendship in the past.

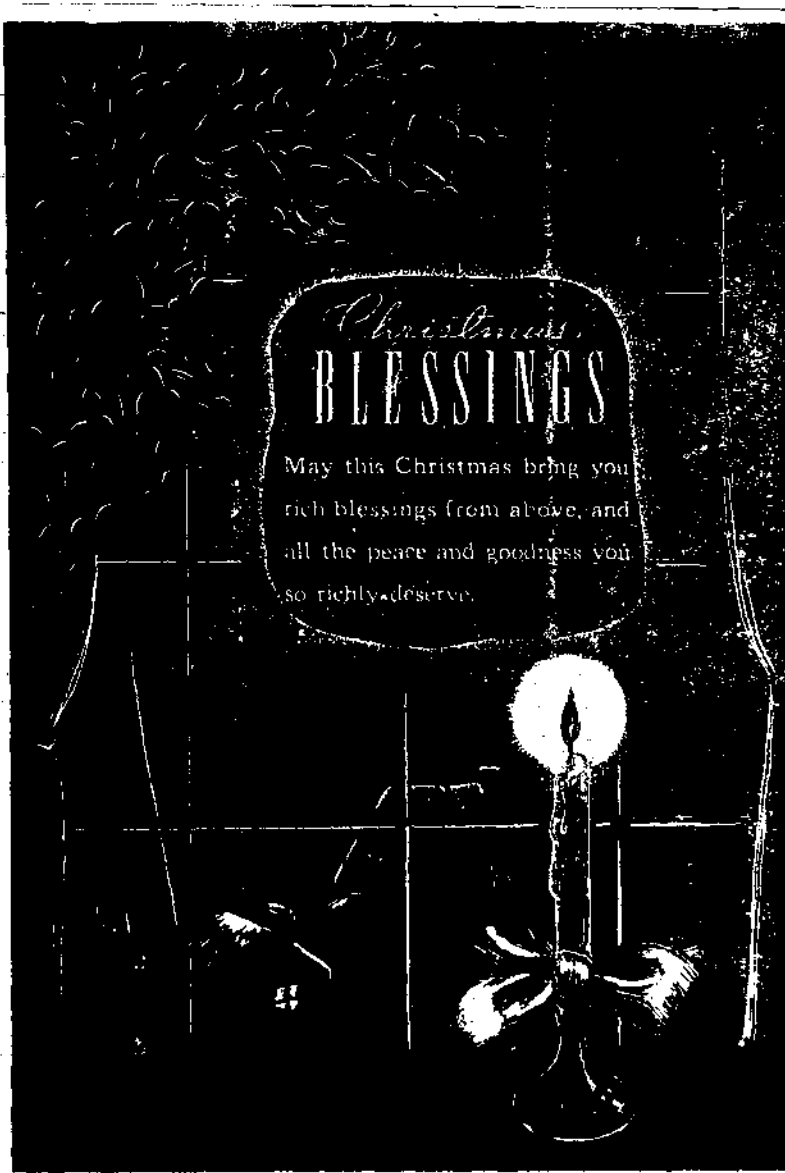
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*Christmas*  
**BLESSINGS**

May this Christmas bring you rich blessings from above, and all the peace and goodness you so rightly deserve.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

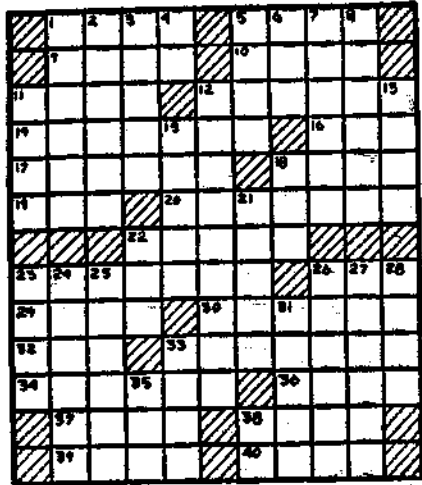
LAST WEEK'S  
ANSWER

## ACROSS

1. Fellow
2. Searched for
3. Foreign
4. Father
5. Ship
6. Goddess of healing (Norse Myth.)
7. Engrossed
8. Profoundly
9. Finest
10. Ornamented
11. Observes
12. Competitor
13. Ancient
14. Penetrated
15. Mimic
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21. Student
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24. Seesaw
25. Breeze
26. Abandon
27. Lodged
28. Capital  
(It.)
29. Check
30. Tolerate
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32. Sharp

## DOWN

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## Churches

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Fr. John A. Breitenstein, Pastor  
Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:30 - 10:30  
Holyday Masses 8:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8:00 a.m.

**MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
Pastor—Rev. R. C. Puffer  
Church School 9:45 A. M.  
Divine Worship: 11:00 A. M.

public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Grayling, and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Monday the first day of March 1954, at ten o'clock P. M., in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with four per cent interest, legal costs, Attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

That certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, described as the North ten acres of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section nineteen, Township twenty-eight North, Range one West.

Dated December 1, 1953.  
William VonSee and  
Virginia VonSee  
Mortgagees

HARRY T. COOK  
Attorney for Mortgagees  
Business address:  
Alden, Michigan 1 r 2-25-54

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County on the 2nd day of December, 1953.

Present, Honorable Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Marjorie M. McNamee, Deceased.  
Leslie LeMieux having filed in said Court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 2nd day of January 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Robert F. Neafie  
Judge of Probate

A true copy  
Robert F. Neafie  
Judge of Probate 10-17-24-31

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 1st day of December, 1953.

Present: Hon. Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Andrew R. Caid, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the petition of Russell G. Caid praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Ruth Caid or to some other suitable person; and that the heirs of said deceased be determined, will be heard at the Probate Court on the 25th day of January, 1954, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

It is Ordered that the notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche and that the petitioner shall, at least 14 days prior to such hearing, cause a copy of this notice to be mailed to each known party in interest in this estate at his last known address by registered mail, return receipt demanded.

Robert F. Neafie,  
Judge of Probate.

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Robert F. Neafie,  
Judge of Probate. 10-17-24-31

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County on the 9th day of December, 1953.

Present: Hon. Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Sedlacek, deceased.

Charles E. Moore having filed in said Court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, that the 11th day of January, 1954, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Robert F. Neafie,  
Judge of Probate.

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Robert F. Neafie,  
Judge of Probate. 17-24-31-7

Intermediate Youth Fellowship at 8:30 P. M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC**  
Rev. E. K. Huddleston, pastor  
Sunday School — 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship — 11 a. m.  
Evening Service — 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 8 p. m.  
7:00 Monday eve., Bible class.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Donald J. Cleveland  
301 Shellenburg St.  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.  
Youth Fellowship 7:00 P. M.  
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.  
Midweek Services Thursday Evening 7:30 p. m.

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
New Location corner Plum and Church—Elder Roy Newberry  
Pastor—Elder Roy Newberry  
Church School 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching 11:00 a. m. Except the first Sunday of each month which will be Communion at 10:00 and Church School at 11:00 a. m.

**GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. John Enselmann  
Phone 2541  
Worship service 11 A. M.  
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

**MESSIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Roscommon  
Rev. John Enselmann  
Phone 2541  
Worship service 9:30 A. M.  
Sunday School 10:30 A. M.

**MT. HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Paul Beck of Gaylord will conduct services here each Sunday at 7:30 P. M. at the Grayling Grange Hall. Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. The public is cordially invited.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Chestnut St. and US-27  
Rev. Hollis M. Luter  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Worship Service, 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.  
Young People's 8:00 p. m. Monday.

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**  
306 Park St.  
L. W. Hyde, pastor, Phone 4886  
Sabbath School, 1:30 p. m. (Saturday)  
Church Service, 2:30 p. m. (Saturday)

**LOVELLS CHAPEL**  
Rev. Hassard, Pastor  
11:00 A. M. Sunday School  
7:30 P. M. Chapel Service  
Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p. m. (Wednesday)

**GRAYLING ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Pastor, Rev. Nathan Birdwell  
Peninsular Street Across From Court House  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship Service 11 a. m.  
Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.  
Bible Study Hour — Wednesdays 7:30 p. m.

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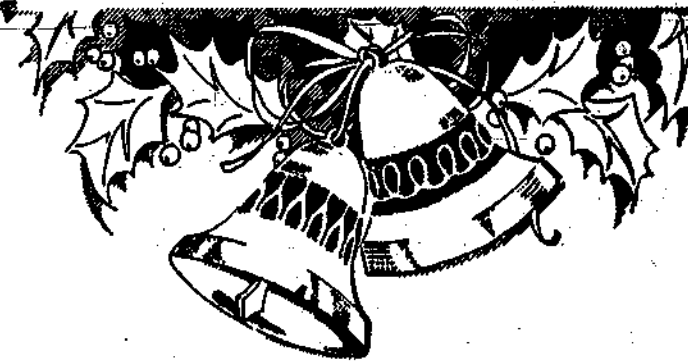
# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May God bless you on this Christmas day and keep you in the days to come.

## B-C-D

"EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME"

## GREETINGS



Here's our own special greeting to you as you observe this greatest of all Holidays. May it be one of true happiness for you and those about you. You have been very liberal with your friendships and patronage and we are truly grateful. Merry Christmas!

## Dawson's

## Business Directory

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Pipes Service  
Corner Michigan and Cedar  
Phone 3531

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Earl L. Moody and Lilah M. Moody, his wife, to William VonSee and Virginia VonSee, his wife, dated the 18th day of November 1949 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of November 1953, in Liber 42 of Mortgages, on page 119, on which Mortgage these is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One thousand eight hundred seven ty-eight dollars, eighty-six cents, and the further sum of Fifty dollars as Attorney's fees, making the whole amount claimed to be due at the date of this notice, to-wit, the sum of \$1,928.86, to which amount will be added at the time of sale all taxes and insurance that may be paid by the said Mortgagees between the date of this notice and the time of said sale; and no proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at



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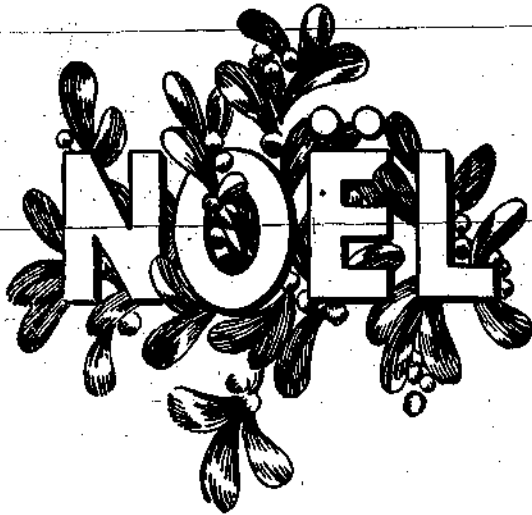
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## Bits O' Talk

Miss Audrey Wolcott, Ann Schreiber and Anita SanCarter, who are employed by the Bell Telephone Company in Ann Arbor are expected to arrive home Christmas morning to be here over the week end.

Mrs. K. K. Kitchen drove up from Bay City Friday and accompanied Mrs. Martin Kitchen and little daughter, Julie Ann, to Bay City, where they will be for a few days.

Mrs. G. D. Vallad left Wednesday for Flint to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Randall.

Mrs. L. G. Welch of Alma is making an indefinite stay at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Les Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cinciale and children plan to spend Christmas and the week end in Bay City with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roberts and children were in Traverse City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin are expecting to have the latter's sister, Miss Mary Dunlop of Detroit as their guest over Christmas and the week end.

C. L. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Lillian Ryan left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Grand Rapids, guests of the former's sister.

Miss Shirley Souders of Detroit is expected to arrive today to spend Christmas and the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders.

Mrs. Fred Catlin of Toledo spent a couple of days here last week making a pre-Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hilton and daughter, Nancy, left Grayling Saturday morning to spend two weeks in Florida, visiting Mrs. Hiltons, parents, the Nels Corwins in Bradenton, Florida, and to attend the wedding of their son, Terry, on December 28. Their other son, Tom, will fly down to Florida from Lansing on Christmas Eve to be in attendance at his brother's wedding.

The annual Christmas party given each year by the Sisters of Mercy for the medical staff and all employees of Mercy Hospital was held at the Nurses Home Thursday evening. There was a huge lighted Christmas tree in the living room of the home and on the mantel the crib, while the buffet table was prettily arranged with the center piece a crystal bell over a lighted madonna and there were tall red tapers in small crystal holders. Santa Claus appeared during the evening and distributed the gifts that were exchanged among all present.

### 6th Grade Presents Program At P. T. A. Meeting

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. was held in the Assembly room of Grayling High School Wednesday evening of last week. There was a short business meeting during which Coach Arthur Allen gave a report of his findings on the lighted athletic field project. With Christmas drawing near the sixth grade of which Mrs. Robert Klein is teacher presented a couple of plays, one entitled "A Christmas Present for Mother" and the other "Twins Surprise Gift." There was also a Golden Star dance given by several girls, all of which was much enjoyed. There were around 50 to 60 present and the sixth grade of course with 29 parents present, won the prize for room attendance.

Lunch, which was carried out in a Yuletide theme, was served by the following committee: Mrs. Thomas Robertson, chairman; Mrs. Roy Millikin, Mrs. Howard Bunker, Mrs. Ed. Lamm, Mrs. Harry McEvers, Mrs. William LaGrow and Mrs. Frank Bond.



**BEKINI CHRISTMAS** . . . They may not have snow, but it's Christmas in Miami Beach, too. Hilda Kesteven gets into the Yuletide spirit by decorating a pool-side tree. Helper is Ellen Sweet.

### Joseph Proved His Love for Mary, Mother of Jesus

Joseph, the bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all times.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages; she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privately.

That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:

"Joseph, son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and chaste wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke on to Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke on to the shepherds of Bethlehem.

**Germans First Lighted Christmas Tree Here**

German immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas trees in their homes in the United States, according to tradition.

Historians believe it was about the end of the Revolution that the practice began to grow in the colonies.

Before that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. And a Massachusetts law in 1630 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day.

training from work or in any other manner.

Historians also believe that Martin Luther was the first to decorate and light a tree. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

### Keep Trees Green

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.



**NO. 1 GRANDCHILDREN** . . . Grandchildren of President Eisenhower get a look at Christmas dolls. They are (left to right) Susan, Barbara Anne, and Dwight David. The children spent last Christmas with their grandparents at 60 Morningside Drive, New York.

### Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

Today, the poem which begins—

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse—"

is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings.

Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholarly standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

### Make Gifts Attractive

Make your Christmas package attractive because half of the pleasure of the gift is the wrapping and opening a beautiful package. Use plenty of ribbon and gay colored paper. Add bells and Christmas ornaments to the bows. The ribbon about the corners and put the bows off-center to make the packages distinctive. A little disguising by putting small boxes in larger ones before wrapping adds to the mystery of the gift.

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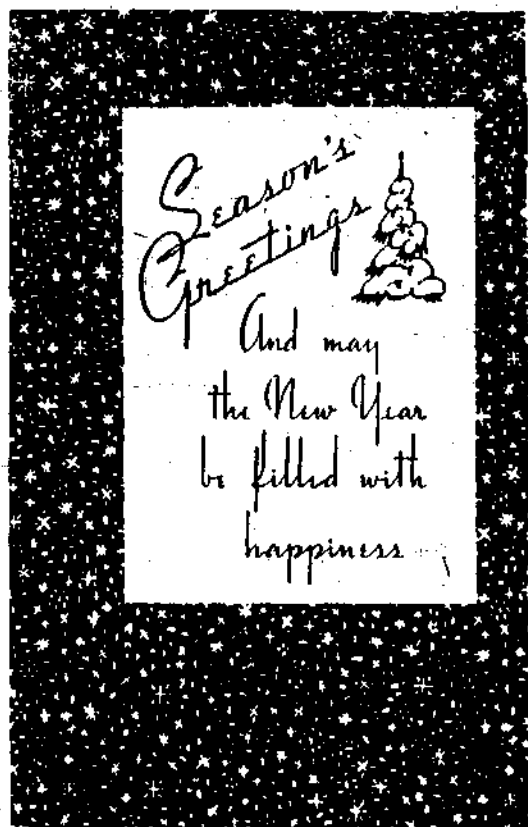


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Water level, Dec. 17, '52, 1134.17 ft.  
Maximum level for period of record, April 5, 1943, 1135.39 ft.  
Minimum level for period of record, Sept. 24-27, 1948, 1133.57 ft.

**Shirlee Shop Owner Buys First Kiwanis Christmas Tree**

Mrs. Blanche McNeil, owner of the Shirlee Shoppe purchases the first Grayling Kiwanis Club's Christmas tree after giving the top bid as the first purchaser. Mrs. McNeil bid thirteen dollars to Kiwanians James Wilke (right) and Dr. Ralph Hoffman (left), who made a canvass of the downtown merchants. The proceeds of the tree sale will be used by the service club to handle expenses of their annual Christmas project, giving clothing and toys to needy children.

**Local Dealers Report Car Sales For November**

McEvers Motor Sales: To Van-zile and Helen P. Smith, a Buick special two door. To Elmer and Margaret L. Fenton, a Buick Special four door.

Alfred Hanson's: Chevrolet four door sedans each to Roy Collins, Lewiston; Leonard Hoerl, Taylor Center, Mich.; Harvey Megill, Grayling.

Mrs. Floyd Wylie and son, Jack spent last week in Rochester visit-

**Bits O' Talk**

Edwin Bowen had the misfortune to get his index finger of his right hand cut, while operating a molding machine at the Stephan-Wood Products, Tuesday forenoon of last week. It took eight stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. Frank Muhr was called to Detroit the forepart of last week because of the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Muhr.

Mrs. Floyd Wylie and son, Jack spent last week in Rochester visit-

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Wylie and little son, Michael Scott, of Lansing are expected to spend Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. Floyd Goshorn.

Mrs. Fay Boyce substituted for Mrs. Laux in the Fifth and Sixth Grades and Mrs. Stripe for Mrs. Milnes, last week, both of whom were absent because of illness.

Friends here of Col. Otis Tripp will be shocked to learn of his sudden death at his home near Holt, on Saturday, December 12th. He was digging post holes near his home when he suffered a heart attack which resulted in his death. He was 54 years old. Rites were read at the Estes Leadley Funeral home in Lansing on Wednesday, December 16th. Col. Tripp has been coming to Grayling for many years during the encampment of the Michigan National Guard.

Col. and Mrs. Roy Sindlinger spent several days in Lansing last week visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Krider.

Mrs. Leo Jorgenson left for Adrian Wednesday night called there by the death of an uncle, John Jackson, who passed away that evening.

Mr. Jackson lived in Crawford County many years ago in what was known at that time as Center Plains. He was the husband of the former Bessie Sholtz, who is well known to many, having been born in Beaver Creek.

Mr. Sholtz was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Charles Wilbur.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Callahan and son, Pat, are spending several weeks in Bentonville, Ark., visiting Mrs. Callahan's parents and other relatives. They also plan to spend some time in Wichita Kan., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusko, and will be returning about Jan. 7th.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan is expecting her grandchildren, Mary Lou and Bernard J. Callahan to visit her.

during the Yuletide. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roberts with whom they make their home in Bay City, and they will have their own three children with them.

The Misses Donna Dishaw, Rita Visnaw, Phyllis Randolph, Jacqueline Hunter and Ella Bunker spent Thursday in Bay City.

Mrs. Harold Skingley of Gaylord visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Millikin most all of last week, coming to help in the home-coming to the passing of Mr. Millikin's mother, Mrs. Frank Millikin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper spent several days in Detroit and Chicago last week, the former on business. They were accompanied home Saturday by their daughter, Miss Holly, who is enjoying a two weeks vacation from her studies at Ferry Hall School for Girls in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bielski and son, Marvin, left Saturday to spend until after New Year's visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bielski and daughter, Marcella in Cornele, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull have as their guests the latter's mother, Mrs. Jennie Pinson of Gibraltar, Mich., who will be here over the holidays. She accompanied her daughter and Mrs. George Skingley on their return home from Detroit.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS**

St. Mary's Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Willse Tuesday evening of last week. During the business meeting many matters were discussed and Rev. Fr. John Breitenstein conveyed a big "Thank You" from the Sisters of St. Mary's School to the ladies for the food shower that had been sponsored by the Society at Thanksgiving time, when the ladies at St. Mary's Convent was just about filled for the winter.

Mrs. Louis F. Hayes read a Christmas story of her own composition. The meeting over the annual Christmas party was enjoyed.

Yuletide decoration throughout the home and a lighted Christmas tree together with a prettily decorated buffet table made a very festive affair. Susan and David Willse were just very busy meeting the guests at the door and placing the gifts near the tree. Gifts were exchanged and carols sung by the group. Serving on the committee were Mrs. Wesley LaGrow, Mrs. Leo Lovely, Mrs. Harold Rasmusson, Mrs. Bertha Peterson and Mrs. Lawrence Hunter. There were 38 present.

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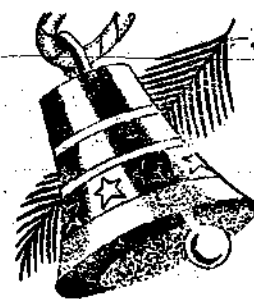
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